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Long wait and still no refund

Frustrated ticket holders have been waiting almost four years to get their money back after popular coastal music festival The Drop was canned in 2020.

Torquay resident Tayla Buttigieg, 25, bought two tickets to the festival, worth $110 each.

"I understand things happen, but we paid for a festival and we didn't get it," she said.

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Curlewis newborn faces open heart surgery

WREN'S FIGHT

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Wren's parents were in disbelief when they were told their "perfectly healthy" baby would need such invasive surgery.

"Nothing had come up on my scans when I was pregnant either," mum Kelsey Clark said.

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Council officers finalising report on city's pet rules

Thousands speak up on cat curfew

A City of Greater Geelong survey reviewing the cat curfew asked residents if they supported 24-hour confinement.

Tamara McDonald

A City of Greater Geelong cat curfew review survey that asked residents whether they supported 24-hour confinement received thousands of responses.

Currently, cats are required to be confined to their owner's property between sunset and sunrise.

The Surf Coast Shire introduced a 24-hour cat curfew last year.

The City of Greater Geelong survey asked a number of questions including whether there were stray cats in the respondent's area, whether the current curfew was working well, and if they supported 24-hour confinement.

The city's community service delivery acting executive director, Alistair Miller, said its team was finalising its report, which was expected to be listed on the council's February meeting agenda for a decision.

"The report will take into account the outcomes of last year's community survey, which generated 2352 responses," he said.

Curfews can help protect wildlife, and prevent lost or injured cats and fights.

The Surf Coast Shire introduced a 24-hour cat curfew on September 30.

The curfew requires all cats within the municipality to be confined at all times to the owner's premises unless appropriately restrained.

The shire said by confining registered cats in both urban and rural zones to their owner's premises, the 24-hour curfew was likely to reduce cats' impact on neighbours and their pets, and wildlife. Previously, urban-zoned cats needed to be confined overnight.

Last week, a Surf Coast Shire spokeswoman said 12 cats had been seized since the new curfew was introduced.

Four of those were not collected and/or feral.

She said the number of cats seized was on par with the previous curfew.

"Rangers can issue warnings to educate community members, while they can also issue penalties," the spokeswoman said.

"A cat at large penalty is $92 on the first offence, increasing up to three penalty units for further offences (one penalty unit is $185)."

Two fines had been issued since the 24-hour curfew came into effect.

A 2022 survey that asked for views on the shire's cat rules received hundreds of responses.

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Guard convicted of assault

Victim fearful after incident on Mother's Day

Alexander Blain

A victim of an assault who broke her arm in a drunken confrontation on Mother's Day told a Geelong court she feared for her safety and could not sleep.

Alan Baker was found guilty of one count of unlawful assault after a contested hearing in Geelong Magistrates Court on Friday, relating to the incident in May last year.

The 57-year-old prison officer was found not guilty of recklessly causing injury, after Magistrate Franz Holzer said he wasn't satisfied the prosecution had proven the exact circumstances of how the woman's arm came to be broken. However, he said the charge of assault was proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

The court heard that on May 14, 2023, Baker and the victim had arrived at Baker's home from a night of drinking at the Barking Dog pub in Geelong West.

The court heard an argument broke out after the victim accidentally locked his front door. The woman testified that, once inside, Baker continued to berate her and pushed her to the ground twice, demanding she get back up.

During the second push, the prosecution contended Baker forcefully grabbed her by the back of her neck and pulled her arm behind her back.

The woman told the court while she was in pain on the ground Baker raced around his house collecting her belongings, which ended up in the driveway.

She was still on the ground when family members and the police arrived.

Baker's lawyer, Christin Tom, submitted the attack did not take place in the way the woman described it.

In Baker's version of events, he did not raise his voice, and merely told the victim "you had one job".

Baker alleged the woman became verbally abusive and he acted in self defence before retreating to his bedroom. He said the woman refused his help when he re-emerged, and he put her clothes in the driveway after deciding she could not stay.

Mr Tom submitted that it was "not inconceivable" the woman fell over due to intoxication, and broke her arm that way.

Mr Holzer said the most "troubling" aspects were the bruises on the victim's neck and inside her arm – where bruising from a fall such as the defence described would be unlikely.

He said the woman provided a "powerful" victim impact statement.

In her statement, the woman said she was in "total disbelief" about Baker's actions, which meant changing clothes was "agony" and she required help showering.

"Every step was a struggle ... I felt sick, useless, miserable and afraid," she told the court, adding she had since installed security cameras and sensors in her home, and changed the locks.

"July 17 was the first time since Mother's Day I was able to check the letter box on my own," she said. "I used to consider myself happy and outgoing, but ... Alan Baker changed that in an instant."

The court heard Baker had no prior criminal history and had worked as a prison officer for 23 years. Baker was convicted and fined $2000 plus costs.

Juanito Ramos, pictured in front of his family's ice cream van at Eastern Beach, was named Geelong's top gym buff last year. Picture: Brad Fleet

Chelsea Bunting and Will Keech

They're the Geelong residents who spend hours at the gym pumping iron and sculpting their muscles while their hardcore diets reveal an enviable set of chiselled abs.

Juanito Ramos took out last year's unique title of Geelong's best male gym buff.

The 20-year-old said he enjoyed his reign with the crown. "It's been good fun," he said.

"When I go to the gym, it's a lifestyle but a hobby as well ... to have a bit of reward for effort is good.

Mr Ramos said he "never expected" to win the title.

"I just submitted a photo to see where it went. It's good to get a bit of feedback and a reward for the hard work," he said.

Mr Ramos said his number one tip for anyone hoping to take home the crown in the future was "consistency."

When he is not in the gym pumping iron, Mr Ramos helps out at his family's ice cream van at Eastern Beach, something he said doesn't get in the way of his diet.

"It's very tempting, the ice cream," Mr Ramos said.

"I've grown to be more disciplined with it over the years, and I do a fair bit of cardio."

The Addy is on the hunt to find Geelong's top gym buffs. Entries close on February 4 at 11.59pm. The full list will be revealed on Monday, February 5.

Keep Aus Day date – survey

James Morrow

Fewer than one in five Australians want to change the date of Australia Day while nine in 10 citizens say they are "proud to be Australian", according to new polling from the Institute of Public Affairs examining public attitudes to our national day.

However, while nearly two-thirds of us agree Australia Day should remain January 26, Australians aged 18-24 are more ambivalent thanks to the "relentless indoctrination" of the schools system, the IPA said.

According to the survey of more than 1000 Australians, 63 per cent of respondents agreed with the statement "Australia Day should be celebrated on January 26." Just 17 per cent disagreed, while 20 per cent had no opinion.

The results closely track with previous annual IPA surveys, which found similar majorities agreeing that Australia Day should remain the 26th.

The support for the day comes despite ongoing controversy around Australia Day, which marks the 1788 landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove.

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Informal approach a winner

THE ABILITY OF QUEEN MARY AND KING FREDERIK TO ACT LIKE 'ORDINARY PEOPLE' WILL APPEAL TO DANES, WHO NOW WANT LESS POMP AND FORMALITY

Crown Princess Mary and Prince Frederik step out in 2018. Picture: Getty Images

Long live Mary, the newly crowned, Australian-born Queen of Denmark.

With giant fireworks and parties that were expected to go long into the night, Denmark has welcomed in the reign of Queen Mary and King Frederik, who were prodaimed by Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen on the balcony of Copenhagen's Christiansborg Castle.

Their ascension to the throne came as Danes honoured the service of their beloved Queen Margrethe II, who announced her decision to abdicate in favour of her son in a televised address on New Year's Day.

Her 52 years on the throne had made her the world's longest-serving monarch, a record she had held since the death of her third cousin, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, in September 2022.

Around 100,000 Danes lined the streets on Sunday to catch a glimpse of Queen Margrethe in her last act as monarch, making her way to Christiansborg Castle in a gold carriage escorted by guards on horseback.

When it was announced the Australian princess would receive the official title of Her Majesty Queen, it stood in stark contrast to the Danish monarchy's previous foreign-born "consort", Prince Henrik. Queen Margrethe refused to make her French husband king – an open wound he took to his grave in 2018. For Queen Mary, however, she had bigger ambitions.

"It means she will also play the role of substitute for the King," historian Lars Hovbakke Sorensen said.

"She can reign over the country for some days, or weeks, when both the King and the Crown Prince are travelling abroad."

But the professor at Copenhagen's Absalon University and author of several distinguished European history books, including Denmark: From Ancient Times to Today, said it was how Mary could spend her

Crown Princess Mary and Queen Margrethe in 2018.

> "Mary can reign over the country for some days, or weeks
>
> **Lars Hovbakke Sorensen**
> Historian

days – between the state visits and official duties – that would set the new Queen apart and define the future of the crown.

From the moment she wakes until when she goes to bed, it's not so much the number of engagements on her calendar – though there will be many, if not more than Queen Margrethe – but how those appointments are conducted.

"They are famous for being more informal in the way of talking to people and to speaking to ordinary people than Queen Margrethe," Sorensen said, adding their regular days would not be filled with the trappings of pomp and formality.

"They are very close to being like ordinary people. And that is really a strength because it appeals to how people see the monarchy today in a more informal way."

That's not to say her days will be spent making Vegemite sandwiches and packing lunch boxes. Sorensen said the new King and Queen were expected to engage in notably more royal responsibilities and official duties than Queen Margrethe, who received between 50 to 150 audiences a day and, since 1972, had more than 50,000 conversations with Danes at Christiansborg Palace every other Monday.

"Frederick the 10th will have his wife by his side, and that is different from Queen Margrethe, who lost her husband in 2018," he said.

"They will have a lot of work to do and they will be having more activities as two instead of one. They will go on a lot of official visits abroad and receive a lot of respected guests from other countries.

"So she'll play this traditional role of what a queen consort is expected to do," Sorensen said, adding Queen Margrethe would step back as a more of a "patroness" post-abdication.

"In her daily life, Queen Mary will be engaged in a lot of different things: opening exhibitions, working to improve the conditions for the poor, children and single women, and a lot of different affairs. She is very much engaged in social issues and she has a lot of protections, as it's called, of different organisations."

The new Queen is expected to continue her work with The Mary Foundation, which she established in 2007 to combat the social isolation that comes with bullying, domestic violence and loneliness.

She is also expected to continue as a patron of Danish organisations such as Children, Youth & Grief, the Christmas Seal Foundation, and the Danish Mental Health Fund. As patron of the Danish Swimming Federation and the Danish Heart Foundation, Queen Mary could also continue focusing on creating communities through sports. As patron of the UN Population Fund and Maternity Foundation, her work focuses on promoting the rights of girls and women.

She is expected to also highlight health issues in Europe with the World Health Organisation, and remain a member of the UN's International Centre for Research on Women's Leadership Council.

Queen Mary likely will deliver more official speeches than she did as a princess, when she addressed the People's Movement Against Loneliness conference in 2022, Prince Frederik's official 50th birthday in 2018, and the opening of the UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development conference in 2016. Mary was first made a "rigsforstander" in 2019 as Crown Princess.

On the occasion she rises to the acting head of state of Denmark as Queen, it will be one of the rare times in the country's history that anyone other than the Crown Prince will be allowed to act as regent in the absence of the monarch.

It places a heavier weight of responsibility on Queen Mary's shoulders than her predecessor, Prince Henrik, who renounced his role as consort and spent most of his final years at his private vineyard in southern France.

Sorensen said Queen Margrethe saw Mary in the mould of her beloved mother Queen Ingrid, who was widowed after King Frederick IX died in 1972.

The importance of Queen Ingrid continues to resonate in the Danish royal family today. She became the first member of the family other than the Crown Prince who was allowed to act as regent in the absence of the monarch.

Man injured in Norlane

A man has been flown to hospital in a critical condition after an incident in Norlane on Saturday morning.

An Ambulance Victoria spokeswoman confirmed paramedics were called to the scene about 9am.

"A man believed to be in his 30s is being treated for a head injury and will be flown to the Royal Melbourne Hospital by air ambulance in a critical condition," the spokeswoman said.

It is believed it was a medical incident.

Victoria Police is not investigating the incident.

One dead in fiery crash

Two people have been seriously injured, and one killed, after a car crashed into a tree near Echuca, before it burst into flames.

Police believe a vehicle travelling along the Murray Valley Highway near Echuca left the road and struck a tree near Mt Terrick Rd just after 12.30pm on Sunday.

There were three people inside the car, which burst into flames soon after the crash.

One passenger died at the scene.

A child was flown to hospital in a critical condition.

The driver was flown to hospital with serious injuries.

Major Collision Investigation Unit detectives will investigate the circumstances surrounding the crash.

There have been seven deaths on Victorian roads over the past two weeks.

Hand-sewn boat saved

The oldest entirely hand-sewn boat in the Mediterranean is preparing for its next journey, after having sat undisturbed on Croatia's Adriatic sea floor for millennia.

But this time the vessel – whose planks were actually sewn together – will travel by land to France for conservation.

Discovered in the waters of Croatia's northwestern Istria peninsula, the Zambratija boat dates back to the period between late 12th and late 10th century BC: the transition period from the Bronze to the Iron Age, analyses showed.

The wreck was about 150m from the shore.

Tiny bub Wren faces surgery to repair heart

Baby Wren pictured with mum Kelsey Clark, brother Myles, 14 months, and dad Adrian Vodopic. Picture: Mark Wilson

Chelsea Bunting

A Curlewis newborn will undergo open-heart surgery in the coming weeks after doctors found a large hole in her heart.

Wren Vodopic was born on December 27 at Geelong hospital and mum Kelsey Clark said her baby girl was "perfectly healthy".

"Nothing had come up on my scans when I was pregnant either," she said.

Ms Clark and her partner, Adrian Vodopic, were about to take their newborn home when doctors told them Wren had a "bad" heart murmur.

Heart murmurs are common in children and typically go away with time.

While at home, the mother of two said Wren had trouble feeding and was not putting on weight. About two weeks later, they took Wren back to the hospital and doctors ran multiple tests and ultrasounds.

"They found a large hole in her heart," Ms Clark said.

"(Wren) has a large hole in between the two parts of her heart that needs to be patched up."

Some holes can close on their own but larger ones may require surgery.

> "I've had tears in my eyes for the amount of people that have helped and support us."
>
> **Kelsey Clark**
> Wren's mum

"As soon as they said she would have to have surgery, it was big shock," Ms Clark said.

"It was very upsetting."

Wren is expected to undergo open heart surgery at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne in the coming weeks.

"The recovery is about a week but it depends on how she is going, if she can go home earlier or if she will need to stay (at the hospital) for any complications," Ms Clark said.

She said Wren was a "little love bug".

"She is a very cuddly baby and very loving," she said.

A GoFundMe page, which has garnered more than $2000, has been established to help support the family cover the cost of the surgery.

Ms Clark said she was "so grateful" for the donations.

"I've had tears in my eyes for the amount of people that have helped and support us," she said.

To support the family, visit gofundme.com/our-little-girl-wren-for-her-heart-surgery

Songbird owners Aaron Turner and Joanna Smith. Picture: Mark Wilson

Turner eatery brings new taste of Thailand

Chelsea Bunting

A new Geelong restaurant, co-owned by celebrated local chef Aaron Turner, will bring the fresh flavours of northern Thailand to local diners.

Songbird, a northern Thai barbecue restaurant, opened on Friday and is the "reimagining" of acclaimed eatery Igni, which closed last year.

Head chef Nathan Lancaster said Songbird was "very different" to the Thai cuisine Geelong residents were used to.

"You won't find pad Thai or green curry," he said.

"It's vibrant flavours and a new style that really nowhere in Victoria has seen yet."

A selection of meats, including pork, chicken and housemate sausage, feature on the menu and all cooked over the fire, similar to Igni.

The restaurant is also serving up a variety of side salads, including Som Thum. "It is a green papaya salad ... it's a staple of northern Thai cuisine," Lancaster said.

The venue is also using lime juice from Thailand, which he said had a floral flavour.

"We have tried to make it authentic as we can while using Australian proteins," he said.

"Our (motto) is eat happy, eat with your hands. We want friendly, fun and sharing vibes."

Turner, who co-owns the restaurant with business partner Jo Smith, said he was excited to be opening to the public.

"We're ready, we've got a full house and we are excited to deliver something new to Geelong," he said.

"Igni was a very special place ... but it was time to broaden the horizon."

Songbird is at 2 Ryan Place South in the CBD. To book instagram.com/songbirdthaibbq

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Pay rise 'key' to childcare places

Clare Armstrong

Families face higher childcare costs or a shortage of places for their kids if Labor does not commit funds to cover a much-needed wage increase for early educators.

Unions and employers currently at the negotiating table are still waiting on the federal government to indicate if, and how much, it is willing to contribute to a pay rise needed to help the struggling sector retain and attract more staff.

The talks are the first major test of Labor's controversial multi-employer bargaining reforms, which the government previously championed as the ideal mechanism for low-paid sectors like childcare.

Sources familiar with the negotiations say if Labor fails to step up, childcare providers will have to pass on costs to families, or if an agreement can't be reached the sector will be unlikely to attract the staff needed to meet demand for places.

In a December 18 letter sent to unions, childcare associations and employers involved in the negotiations, lawyers for the government said it would not be able to provide information about its position in February.

This leaves only weeks for an agreement to be reached in time for additional funding to be included in the May budget.

United Workers Union executive director of early education Helen Gibbons said a wage increase to help retain and attract extra staff was the "key" to unlocking more affordable childcare places. "I don't think there's anybody across the sector that doesn't think that early educators should get a pay rise," she said.

Education Minister Jason Clare acknowledged more work was needed to retain childcare workers and keep the service available to families.

"We have cut the cost of child care and there are 14,000 more early childhood workers than there were 18 months ago, but there is still a lot more to do," Mr Clare said.

Lorne's Pier to Pub on Saturday attracted thousands of participants. Pictures: Alan Barber

Swimmers ace Pier to Pub test

Chelsea Bunting

More than 5000 swimmers of all ages and abilities hit the water on Saturday for Lorne's annual Pier to Pub.

The gruelling 1.2km ocean swim begins at the town's pier and finishes at the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club.

It is one of the largest ocean swims in the world.

Queensland's Hayden Cotter won the men's elite level Superfish race while Lani Pallister took out the women's.

This was the fifth consecutive time both swimmers have won the event.

MORE PIER TO PUB: SPORT

Anger at wait for refunds

'Stop stringing us along'

Chelsea Bunting

Frustrated ticket holders have been waiting almost four years to get their money back after a popular coastal music festival was canned in 2020.

The Drop Festival was scheduled to be held on April 11 in 2020 at the Torquay Common but was cancelled due to government health restrictions amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Torquay resident Tayla Buttigieg, 25, bought two tickets to the festival, worth $110 each.

She had attended the festival in 2019 and was planning to celebrate her birthday with friends at the 2020 event.

At least six of her friends also bought multiple tickets.

"I understand things happen, but we paid for a festival and we didn't get it," she said.

Geelong resident Amelia Essex also bought two tickets for the festival and remains about $200 out of pocket.

"I feel like we have been led on," she said.

In June 2020, ticket holders were told they could roll their tickets over to a rescheduled festival in 2021 – which ultimately did not go ahead – or apply for a refund once the line-up was announced.

Ticket holders were told refunds would be processed within 14 days.

Both Ms Buttigieg and Ms Essex applied for refunds.

"I would have been happy with a partial refund and a promise of the rest of the money in the future," Ms Essex said.

More refunds were promised in August 2022 when The Drop announced another Torquay event had been locked in, which also did not go ahead.

The crowd in the mosh pit at The Drop Festival in Torquay in 2019. Picture: Mark Wilson

"I'm frustrated that we've had emails promising refunds on multiple occasions and then no follow through whatsoever," Ms Essex said.

Ms Buttigieg said she had continually emailed The Drop for refund updates since 2020 but never received a reply.

"We're just waiting at this point," she said.

"I want them to be honest with us ... stop stringing us along."

Ms Buttigieg and Ms Essex said they would consider group legal action in a bid to get their money back.

The Drop's Instagram account and Facebook page has not been active since August 2022. The festival's website also no longer works.

Festival director Ken O'Brien did not respond to questions from this masthead.

In December, Mr O'Brien told the ABC he was working towards refunding all ticket holders by the end of 2024.

Ms Buttigieg said she would be content with a partial refund.

"I would take anything at this point," she said.

"I know it's been a while, but that money would be really handy right now."

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Chelsea Bunting

Hundreds of seafood fans flocked to Portarlington on Saturday for the town's annual one-day mussel festival.

The event was first held in 2007 to celebrate the local mussel industry.

Portarlington has been famous for producing some of Australia's best mussels, which are known for being sweet, since the 1980s.

The festival also showcased local food, wine and crafts with more than 200 stalls on offer for patrons to browse.

Local musicians performed at the event as well as a tribute bands honouring the songs of rock group Queen and British singer Cliff Richard.

Fischer de Vries and mussels from Mike Mussels, and (left) Chris and Paula Steenholdt. Pictures: Mark Wilson

'Jail feels like home'

Satria Dyer-Darmawan

A registered sex offender who stole cars across Geelong was arrested by police in someone's bathroom while on the toilet.

Ricky Dean Wilson pleaded guilty in the Geelong Magistrates Court last week to a number of charges, including car theft. The 28-year-old was jailed for five months.

Wilson, who has constantly been in and out of jail, was most recently released from prison in May last year.

Police prosecutor Senior Constable Denise Frame told the court Wilson became embroiled in an argument with two people at a home in Waurn Ponds on July 23 last year.

As the argument escalated, Wilson stole one of the victim's cars and fled the scene.

He handed himself to police on August 11 and was charged.

Constable Frame said Wilson was also involved in the theft and burglary of a car at the Geelong Homemaker Centre in Waurn Ponds on September 28. The court heard Wilson, and a co-accused, walked into the Macpac store and stole a handbag that contained a set of keys. The pair used the keys to steal a car parked outside the shop.

On November 1, Wilson broke into a home about 6am through an unlocked door and stole cards, cash and two sets of car keys. Just before 7am, the victim woke and realised two cars were missing from her carport and phoned police.

Police spotted Wilson about 9am, and a police helicopter was called in. "The vehicles were seen to perform dangerous overtaking manoeuvres," Constable Frame said.

Helicopter footage showed Wilson entering a Corio home about 9.30am. Police knocked on the door and located Wilson on the toilet. He was taken to the police station and arrested.

Wilson's lawyer, Stephanie Mawby, said her client felt at home in jail and had become institutionalised.

The court also heard Wilson failed to meet obligations as a registered sex offender, because he didn't inform police he had changed his phone number.

Wilson, who has already served 2½ months in jail, was convicted. He was disqualified from driving for five months.

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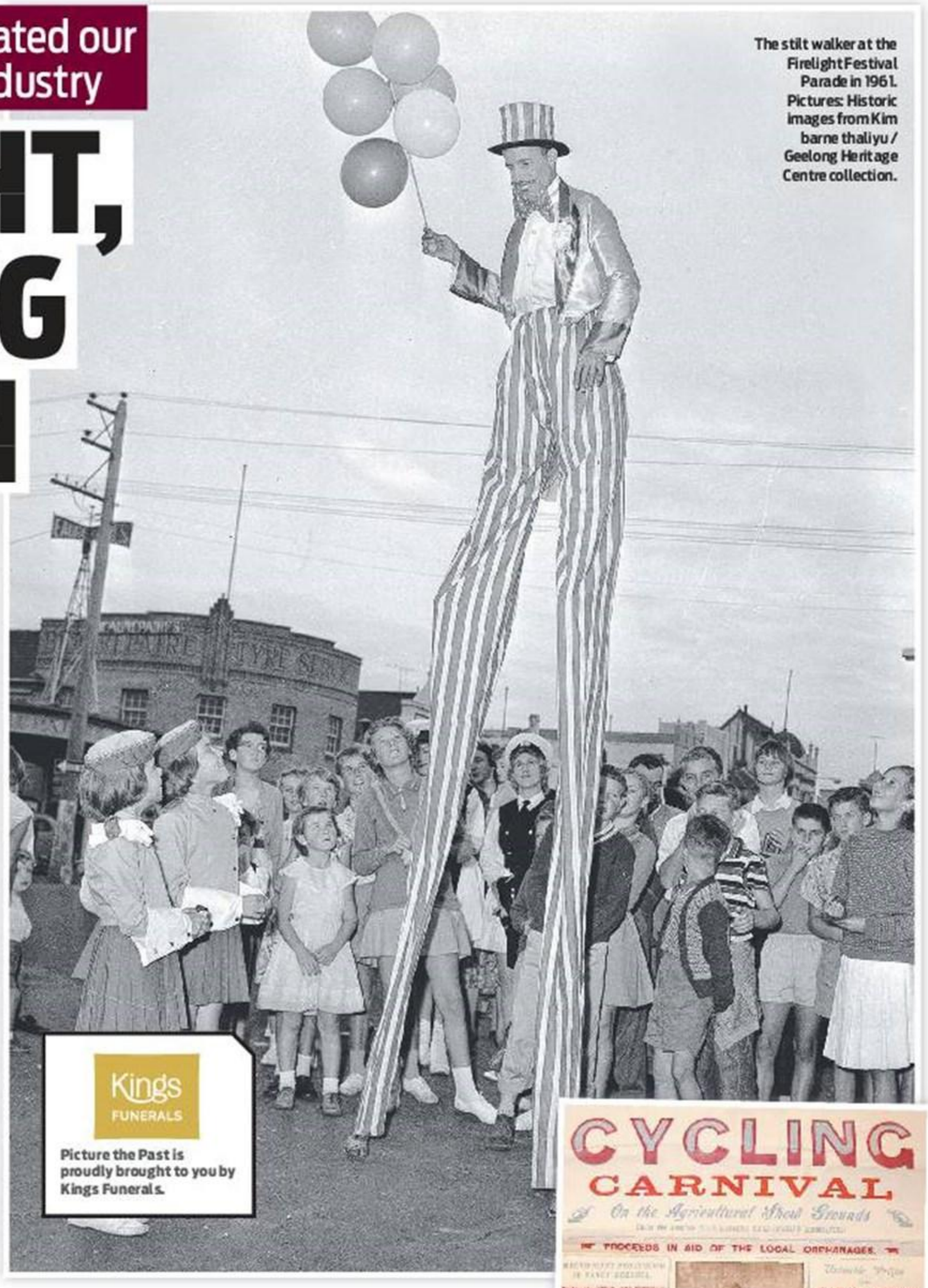

The stilt walker at the Firelight Festival Parade in 1961. Pictures: Historic images from Kim barne thaliyu / Geelong Heritage Centre collection.

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As the Greater Geelong and beyond region grows, the number of festivals that happen on our shores also grows, with diverse festivals celebrating everything from motor cars, beer, mussels, sailing and much more.

Hot on the heels of the Queenscliff and Meredith Music Festivals, and with the Midsumma Festival set to kick off, we're looking back across the last 200 years to learn more about some historic and good-natured gatherings held in the Geelong region.

Many of the local music festivals we enjoy today, including those still held in Queenscliff and Meredith, had their beginnings in the 1990s.

Denis Walter's Carols by the Bay also harks from that era, inaugurated in 1997, with organisers aiming to make it the "biggest regional carols extravaganza outside of the Myer Music Bowl". More than 10,000 flock to the event each year

Early highlights of Carols by the Bay included the Geelong Highland Pipe Band, Humphrey B. Bear and, of course, Rhonda Burchmore.

Festivals held locally in the 1960s included the short-lived Geelong & District Festival, which promoted local business and industry, and the 1961 Firelight Festival.

The Firelight Festival promised all the fun of the fair for the Easter weekend, with stalls, a barbecue, merry-go-round and monster bonfire at the school, as well as a special visit by popular TV personality Evie Hayes – known for her appearances on variety shows like Graham Kennedy's In Melbourne Tonight.

Thousands watched the fireworks display and bonfire at Chanel, and earlier in the day a parade through the city streets featured Fordali the Tall Man. A photo shows the stilt walker towering over members of the Norlane Green Guards Girls' marching team.

Early carnivals in the region often had a strong sporting theme, with competitions and prizes on offer. A cycling carnival held in 1896 at the Geelong Showgrounds also featured a fancy dress procession and special displays of Japanese daylight fireworks.

Daylight fireworks, otherwise known as hanabi or "Flowers of Fire" sometimes involved the explosion of a bomb containing quaint mottos printed on paper that would then scatter among the crowd, or a projectile containing a spectacular balloon in the shape of an animal or human figure that would gracefully float to the ground.

Some of the earliest carnivals featured physical activities like the Comunn Na Feinne Society's Highland Games, which measured the sporting prowess of the Scottish immigrants and First Nations community members invited to take part.

In the early part of the 19th century, there are records of the Mullet Festival held on Wadawurrung Country, what is today known as Spring Creek in Torquay. First Nations communities continued to gather and celebrate during the colonial period as they had done for tens of thousands of years before European arrival.

Local First Nations communities from all over the wider region came together as the seasonal shoals of mullet arrived to provide good fishing, feasting and fun around the campfire.

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Sporting carnival poster promising the intriguing Japanese Daylight Fireworks, 1896.

A surf carnival at Torquay, circa 1960, near the Spring Creek site of the Mullet Festival held more than 100 years earlier.

Geelong Ladies Pipe Band at the Highland Gathering in 1961.

Labor hit by cost of living

The Albanese government's midterm malaise looks to have taken hold as voters continue to shun its handling of the continued cost of living crunch, new polling shows.

Conducted by Sydney-based pollsters Freshwater Strategy, the new electoral survey shows Labor and the Coalition are neck and neck in the two party preferred stakes at 50 per cent each.

Since the 2022 election, Labor has shed two points while the Coalition has risen by five points, the polling finds.

In a sign of mounting frustration with the government's strategy, just over half of all voters surveyed believe the country is headed in the wrong direction.

Anthony Albanese

The poll indicated that even as 74 per cent of voters identified cost of living pressures as their most pressing issue, 80 per cent say the Albanese government has failed to address the issue.

Household budgets have come under increased strain since early 2022 as soaring inflation sends real incomes in reverse and the Reserve Bank's aggressive round of interest rate hikes strains borrower's ability to meet mortgage repayments.

But as the government doubles down on its green energy strategy, voters are overwhelmingly sceptical of its ability to deliver on its promise to cut household power bills by $275 a year in 2025, when compared with prices before the 2022 election.

The poll found 43 per cent of Labor supporters, 61 per cent of the Greens supporters, and 81 per cent of Coalition supporters didn't expect Energy Minister Chris Bowen to deliver on this commitment.

The scepticism comes despite the Bureau of Statistics reporting that the government's interventions to take the edge of higher power prices have helped keep household costs lower.

The PM can find some solace in the polling data, however, with Mr Albanese (47 per cent) maintaining a lead over Opposition Leader Peter Dutton (38 per cent) on the preferred prime minister measure.

Smoking out the crims

Government's $188m boost to stop illegal tobacco imports

Jack Quail

A major crackdown to stem the illicit tobacco trade will be launched by the Albanese government to target the smuggling and sale of illegally imported cigarettes,

On Sunday, Treasurer Jim Chalmers announced a $188.5m boost deliver a new compliance program over the next four years, to tackle all aspects of the illicit tobacco trade.

Led by the Australian Border Force (ABF), in partnership with Commonwealth, state and territory governments, the funding will assist with targeting and disrupting illicit tobacco in source and transit countries before it reaches Australia.

Consumers can illegally purchase illicit cigarettes for as little as $20 for a pack of 20 at some vape stores, while at legal outlets, a similar product would cost roughly $50.

Under the new funding, the ABF will also introduce technological improvements, including artificial intelligence, to enhance the detection and disruption of illicit tobacco.

By official estimates, the forgone revenue to government coffers of the illicit activity is in excess of $3bn a year.

In 2024, authorities seized 1.7bn illegally imported cigarettes and almost 900 tonnes of loose leaf or "chop chop" tobacco products.

Dr Chalmers said the crackdown was intended to deter the consumption and distribution of illegal tobacco, and send a clear message to traffickers that their trade was a "serious crime".

"Illegal tobacco is more than a problem for the budget, it's a health challenge and it's a challenge to our border security," Dr Chalmers said.

"This new model strengthens our existing efforts by working in partnership with the states and territories and building on the Albanese government's tobacco excise package."

ABF head Michael Outram said his agency was committed to a hard-line stance on the illicit tobacco trade.

"We know illicit tobacco trade is systematically tied to serious and organised criminal groups, and we will work hand-in-hand with domestic and international partners to disrupt their activities," he said.

Authorities have blamed the illicit trade of tobacco as the reason behind a spate of tobacco store fire bombings in recent months, as rival syndicates vie for greater control of the lucrative market, which is then used to fund other illegal activities.

Health Minister Mark Butler said limiting illicit tobacco products was key to reducing the number of smokers.

"We cannot stand by and allow another generation of people to be lured into addiction and suffer the enormous health, economic and social consequences," he said.

Deputy opposition leader David Littleproud welcomed the measure but implored the government to increase regulation at the point of sale.

Kathleen Murry, of Sandford, outside of Hobart, stands on her award-winning lawn, now known as the 'world's ugliest lawn'. Picture: Supplied

Tassie home to 'world's ugliest lawn'

Jessica Wang

The accolade for the World's Ugliest Lawn has been awarded to a Tasmanian resident in a bizarre Swedish competition.

Dirt-ridden, pockmarked and dry, Kathleen Murray's garden took out the top prize, winning her a second-hand brown T-shirt donated by the 2023 winner which reads: "Proud owner of The World's Ugliest Lawn".

The competition, which began as a regional challenge in Sweden's Gotland island, aims to highlight the importance of water conservation, and stands against wasting water on keeping lawns lush and green.

The Sandford area, south-east of Hobart, is regularly hit by drought and water supply issues as its geography makes it difficult for the country to store groundwater.

Speaking to the ABC, Ms Murray said her entry was helped by three wild bandicoots who've taken over her property, decimating the greenery.

"I call them my wildlife of mass destruction, my WMDs," she said.

"I used to think they'd invaded my lawn but then I realised they'd actually liberated me from ever having to mow it ever again."

Get 'fun parts' tested

Tinder and Grindr will be used as part of a fresh push to encourage Aussies to get their "fun parts" tested amid a concerning rise in sexually transmitted diseases.

Health Minister Mark Butler launched the Beforeplay campaign on Sunday in a bid to encourage young Aussies to take their sexual health seriously. "One in six Australians will get an STI (sexually transmitted infection) and the rates of infection are rising, particularly among young people aged 20 to 34," he said. He said the nine-week campaign would help reduce the stigma around testing and prevention.

It will be rolled out on social media, dating apps, around universities and in bars and clubs. It will encourage Aussies to wear protection and book a check-up.

Succession's Sarah Snook

Emmy hopes for Aussie stars

Angie Raphael

Aussie television stars Sarah Snook and Elizabeth Debicki will be hoping to add Emmy Awards to their recent Golden Globe wins for Succession and The Crown, respectively, but both are facing stiff competition.

Snook is nominated for outstanding lead actress in a drama series for her celebrated performance in the critically acclaimed drama Succession.

She is competing against New Zealand actor Melanie Lynskey (Yellowjackets), Bella Ramsey (The Last of Us), Elisabeth Moss (The Handmaid's Tale), Sharon Horgan (Bad Sisters) and Keri Russell (The Diplomat).

Debicki won a Golden Globe for a supporting role on television in The Crown where she played the late Princess Diana. Her Emmy nomination is also for supporting actress in a drama series.

The first-time nominee faces competition from The White Lotus actresses Jennifer Coolidge, Meghann Fahy, Sabrina Impacciatore, Aubrey Plaza and Simona Tabasco, as well as Rhea Seehorn (Better Call Saul) and J. Smith-Cameron (Succession).

The 75th annual Emmy Awards will take place on Tuesday Australian time.

Hamas 'targets' Europe

Mossad foils plot to attack Israeli embassy in Sweden

TEL AVIV: A Hamas terror plot targeting Israel's embassy in Sweden and Jewish sites in Europe has been thwarted by Israeli intelligence agencies Mossad and Shin Bet, according to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The network, allegedly orchestrated by Hamas commanders in Lebanon, had plans for more attacks in Europe, involving the acquisition of drones and collaboration with European criminal organisations, Israel said.

:"Israel had discovered details on theatres of operation, terror targets, and on those involved in carrying out attacks

Benjamin Netanyahu

— from Hamas commanders in Lebanon to the last of the attackers in the operational infrastructure," Mr Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

This revelation follows a series of uncovered plots in Europe in recent weeks.

In December, European authorities arrested Hamas cells in Denmark, Germany, and Holland, suspecting their involvement in plotting attacks on Jewish targets.

Danish police found seven individuals linked to a foiled terror attack in December had Hamas connections, confirming Mr Netanyahu's assertion about Hamas expanding its operations into Europe.

"The alleged connection to Hamas confirms that the threat against Denmark is serious, but luckily we have a strong police and intelligence service doing their best to protect us every day," Danish Justice Minister Peter Hummelgaard said.

Meanwhile, Mr Netanyahu doubled down on his vows to defeat Hamas, as the UN marked the 100th day of the war, saying it was "staining humanity".

"The massive death, destruction, displacement, hunger, loss and grief of the last 100 days are staining our shared humanity," the head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, said in the Gaza Strip.

And the International Court of Justice in The Hague last week heard arguments in a case launched by South Africa accusing Israel of breaching the UN Genocide Convention.

But Mr Netanyahu insisted no court or military foe could stop Israel from destroying Hamas.

"No one will stop us – not The Hague, not the Axis of Evil and no one else," he said.

"It is possible and necessary to continue until victory, and we will do it," he said, claiming most Hamas battalions in Gaza had been "eliminated".

Health officials in Gaza said recent Israeli strikes killed at least 60 people, while Israel said it struck dozens of rocket launchers that were "ready to be used" in central Gaza.

US sends 'message' to Iran on Houthis

SANAA: The US launched fresh strikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen as President Joe Biden said he had delivered a "private message" to Iran about its links to the group.

The strikes came a day after US and British forces hit scores of targets in Yemen, heightening fears that Israel's war with Palestinian Hamas militants could engulf the region.

The Houthis, who say they are acting in solidarity with Gaza, have carried out missile and drone attacks on what they deem Israeli-linked shipping on the key Red Sea trade route.

Joe Biden

Iran is suspected of supplying the Houthis with weapons and intelligence, but Tehran denies involvement. Nevertheless, Mr Biden said his government had given Iran a message.

"We delivered it privately and we're confident we're well-prepared," he said.

US Central Command said its forces attacked a Houthi radar site early on Saturday as "a follow-on action" related to the previous day's strikes.

A Houthi-allied military source said a site on the outskirts of the Red Sea port city of Hodeida which the rebels used to launch a rocket was hit.

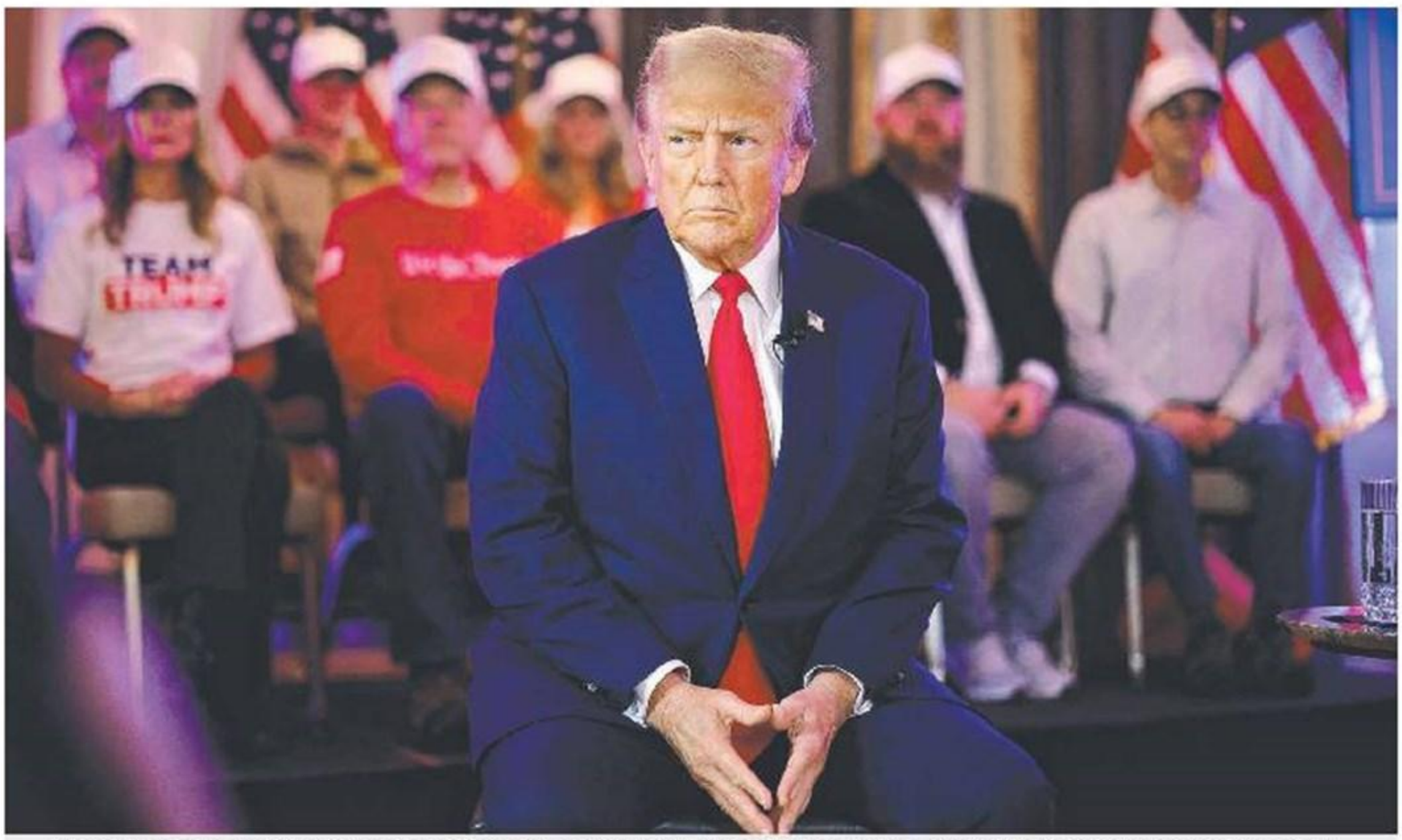
The Houthis' official media earlier said Al-Dailami airbase in Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa had been struck in the latest bombardment.

Rebel forces in north Sanaa had shut the area around the airbase and only residents with permits from neighbourhood chiefs were allowed to enter.

UN special envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg urged "all involved" to avoid actions that would endanger maritime trade and "fuel regional tensions at this critical time".

Mr Grundberg noted "with serious concern" the impact of the "increasingly precarious regional context" on Yemen and called for diplomacy to be prioritised.

Britain, the United States and eight allies - including Australia - said strikes on Friday aimed to "de-escalate tensions", but the Huthis vowed to continue their attacks.



Sub-zero temperatures and blizzards forced Donald Trump into an indoor 'telerally' in Des Moines as the Iowa caucuses kick off the US election year. Picture: Getty

Election heats up in frigid Iowa caucuses

DES MOINES: Voters will venture into sub-zero temperatures on Monday to kick off the Republican presidential nomination race with the Iowa caucuses, the first major test of whether runaway front-runner Donald Trump is as much of a sure thing as he appears.

With a commanding lead in polls, the ex-president is expected easily to win the Midwestern state's first-in-the-nation vote as he bids to be the Republican standard-bearer against President Joe Biden in November.

But Iowans may have to contend with the coldest conditions in the modern era of presidential election campaigns, with blizzards and a potential wind chill of minus 32 degrees.

Trump and his leading rivals, Nikki Haley and Ron DeSantis, were forced to cancel appearances because of the weather as the threat to the turnout added intrigue to the campaign.

Despite his poll strength, Trump's multiple legal cases still hang over him.

"If DeSantis's massive ground effort, coupled with a recent Haley surge, can drag Trump under 50 percent by several points, that will be the first meaningful sign that Trump can be defeated," said political analyst Alex Avetoom.

Buried alive in landslide

BOGOTA: At least 33 people have been killed in landslides in Colombia, including many who had taken shelter in a house after the road they were travelling on was cut off.

"I deeply regret the death of 33 people in this tragedy, mostly children, according to preliminary reports," vice president Francia Marquez wrote on social media.

Firefighters, soldiers and local residents slogged through deep mud and debris in hopes of finding survivors, while relatives stood nearby.

Many travellers had left their cars to take shelter in a house near the municipality of Carmen de Atrato.

"But unfortunately, a landslide came and buried them," said a local official.

Images on social media showed part of a mountain breaking loose and crashing down onto a line of cars.

Soldiers patrol Ecuador's streets

Hostages freed as chaos reigns

QUITO: More than 40 Ecuador prison officials taken hostage by inmates have been freed, as the country grapples with a brutal campaign of gang terror.

The 24 guards and 17 administrative employees had been released, the SNAI prisons agency said, while 133 guards and three employees continue to be held hostage.

The workers were taken captive after President Daniel Noboa last week launched a military takedown of criminal groups, sparking a deadly confrontation with narco gangs.

The crisis was triggered by the escape from Guayaquil prison of one of the country's most powerful narco bosses, Jose Adolfo Macias, followed by prison riots, hostage-taking and attacks on police.

At least 19 people have died in the violence, including a guard killed on Saturday in clashes with inmates in El Oro near the border with Peru.

According to the latest official report, 859 suspects have been arrested, 25 escaped detainees have been recaptured, five "terrorists" shot dead and 57 kidnapped people have been released.

A chilling video filmed in Machala prison shows the corpse of a prisoner wrapped in plastic thrown into the street from inside the jail.

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Stoics can guide us well

Chris Mackey

I believe our society is suffering from a reduced interest in stoicism. By this I don't mean that we should just soldier on with a stiff upper lip when facing misfortune.

Being stoic does not mean ignoring or denying painful feelings. That isn't healthy. Rather it relates to a particular approach of dealing with challenging situations.

Modern psychotherapy, and cognitive behavioural therapy in particular, is based explicitly on stoic principles developed over 2000 years ago.

Epictetus highlighted the key principle that our reactions to any situation result not so much from the objective circumstances we face, but from our perspective or view of that situation.

This means that it is important for us to reflect upon our thoughts and underlying attitudes.

We can then better identify and adjust negative thought patterns and distortions in our thinking that compound distress.

It would best be especially aware of any tendency to think that our reality should be different to what it is. This can prevent us from accepting the actual nature of the circumstances we face and responding more adaptively to the challenge.

Stoic philosophy is focused more on what we can control rather than what we can't. It prioritises the virtues of courage, temperance, justice and wisdom. It helps guide us to what we say "yes" to, pursuing positive goals and habits, and what we say "no" to, curbing negative habits and refusing to remain in harmful circumstances or relationships.

Admittedly, stoic philosophy developed in an earlier era when changing our external circumstances was less possible. These days we have more technology at our disposal to alter our circumstances. Now we can even change our gender.

More enlightened psychological approaches do not expect people who are neurodivergent, or with learning difficulties, autism or ADHD, to adapt to external challenges in the same way. We'd best accept that our brains may function differently.

We now rightfully encourage more flexibility in our work and social environments to allow for individual differences beyond the neurotypical.

However, the pendulum can swing too far in the direction of looking for the world or other people to make changes to adapt to us rather than the other way around.

I also believe there can be too much emphasis on teaching resilience in the hope of preventing distress rather than recognising that we mainly develop resilience from going through misfortune. Stoic philosophy can still guide us well in this regard.

Stoic philosophy considers major life challenges to partly be opportunities to grow and to recognise what internal strengths we have.

It promotes optimism that we can generally rise above even the greatest challenges we face in the long run, albeit with bruises and scars.

Chris Mackey is a principal psychologist at Chris Mackey and Associates.

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69 Roman Emperor Servius Sulpicius Galba, who succeeded Nero in 68AD, is assassinated by the Praetorian Guard in the Roman Forum.

1559 Elizabeth I is crowned Queen of England.

1790 Mutineers aboard the ship HMS Bounty and their Tahitian partners arrive at Pitcairn Island, where they hope to establish a colony.

1797 James Hetherington, a London haberdasher, is fined for wearing his newest creation, the top hat.

1834 A mutiny on Norfolk Island by 162 convicts, is put down by the captain of the guard, Foster Fyans. Two convicts are killed, seven are fatally injured and another 13 will hang.

1894 Australia's first steel rolling mill opens at the Eskbank Ironworks, near Lithgow.

1922 The Irish Free State is established under Michael Collins.

1943 The Pentagon is completed in Washington.

1967 The Rolling Stones appear on The Ed Sullivan Show on US TV network CBS. CBS critics don't like words to the song, Let's Spend the Night Together, so order the group to change the words to Let's Spend Some Time Together.

2001 Wikipedia, a free internet-based encyclopaedia that operates under an open-source management style, debuts. It was founded by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger.

2008 Sea Shepherd activists Giles Lane and Benjamin Potts are detained on Japanese whaling vessel Yashin Maru No 2 after jumping aboard in protest against whaling in the Southern Ocean.

2009 US Airways flight 1549, piloted by Captain Chesley ("Sully") Sullenberger III, lands in the Hudson River (above) after the plane flew into a flock of Canada geese shortly after takeoff, resulting in severe damage to the plane's engines. There were no fatalities.

EDITOR'S NOTE

BUOYED BY COMMUNITY

Brave baby Wren Vodopic will soon have endured more in her short time on earth than most have to in their lifetime.

As the Geelong Advertiser reports, the Curlewis tot arrived just two days after Christmas and will soon have open-heart surgery.

Mum Kelsey Clark said the family was preparing to take her home when they learnt she had a "bad heart murmur" – which was later found to be a hole.

Wren will have to have surgery, but her prognosis is good.

While Ms Clark was shocked by her daughter's diagnosis, she has been buoyed by a community fundraiser to help her daughter.

Letters & Texts

Untapped potential

It is pleasing that federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek has intervened to protect the Ramsar wetlands of Western port Bay from new development.

However, the state government's commitment "to overturning the federal veto" is disappointing.

Western port Bay wetlands have been under siege from energy projects in recent times, and locals are weary from defending them.

The proposed AGL gas import terminal was stopped in 2021 by then planning minister Richard Wynne on environmental grounds and the latest project is no different.

Australia cannot ignore its offshore wind potential. The global wind atlas shows that we have some of the strongest and most reliable offshore wind in the world.

Geelong is better placed to host an offshore wind farm than Hastings.

A 2017 Infrastructure Victoria report found Geelong to be superior on cost and environmental considerations.

The Port of Geelong's plans to develop a "wind farm hub" is the obvious way forward. A Ramsar wetland is not.

Ray Peck, Hawthorn

Forest protection key

As Trevor Pescott suggests (GA 8/1) it is a misconception that logging and hazard reduction burning will keep us and wildlife safer from bushfires.

Science suggests the opposite is true.

Australian National University research found logged forest regrowth burned at a very high severity, particularly between 10 and 40 years after logging.

Further research has discovered that forest areas that have been subjected to hazard reduction burns are actually more susceptible to bushfires. The forests least likely to burn are intact old growth forests.

Protecting forests from any form of logging or burning is imperative.

Amy Hillier, Kew

Equality in uniformity

Uniform means the same, Gary Oraniuk's idea to get rid of school uniforms to save money will divide students into categories that will result in discrimination and greater spending for those who can afford it.

Students that have access to larger amounts of discretionary spending will have more expensive clothes.

The rule book on what is appropriate to wear to school will take up teaching time.

A student at a school was ostracised by the wealthier students because of his second hand and home made school uniform. The treatment by this prestigious school was appalling in numerous ways. He died by suicide.

Ross Kroger, Barwon Heads

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Half of us regard super as 'lifeboat'

Megan Neil

Just over half of Australians are struggling financially but most view superannuation as "a lifeboat" for their future finances, according to new super industry-commissioned research.

An Essential Research survey conducted for the Super Members Council found that 53 per cent of people are experiencing some degree of financial difficulty.

Essential Research said the proportion of people under financial pressure was consistently high throughout 2023, up from 39 per cent in mid-2022.

A third of people felt financially secure and usually had spare money for savings or buying luxuries, and another 13 per cent described their position as comfortable, without concerns about paying bills.

The biggest group, representing 39 per cent of survey respondents, said they were "struggling a bit" and were having to watch their budgets to ensure there was enough money to cover all their bills.

Another 14 per cent described themselves as being in serious difficulty, and being able to pay all their bills was a regular concern.

Super Members Council executive general manager of advocacy Georgia Brumby said while cost-of-living pressures were hitting family budgets, superannuation gave them a feeling of certainty and future financial security.

"More Australians are feeling the economic pinch right now, but super is seen as a lifeboat through today's economic turbulent waters," Ms Brumby said.

The survey showed 58 per cent of people agreed that their superannuation helped them feel more confident about their financial wellbeing.

Among those experiencing financial difficulty, 54 per cent said super gave them confidence about their financial wellbeing.

Overall, 55 per cent of respondents who had superannuation agreed that super was a low-cost way to build savings.

Research house Chant West predicted the median growth super fund would return 8.8 per cent for 2023, helped by a share-market rally fuelled by tech stocks and expectations of lower rates.

Australians squeeze overseas visitors out of seats

Domestic market hurt by Aussie wanderlust

People queue for check in at Sydney Airport as destinations like the Gold Coast (below) still rate among domestic travellers' favourite locations. Flight Centre chief executive Graham Turner (right) says the 15 per cent bounce in international bookings is dwarfing the local 2 per cent lift.

Matt Bell

Australians have travelled across the country in their highest numbers since the pandemic, despite wild weather impacting popular destinations in Queensland, tourism operators say.

But the industry says inbound international tourism is not meeting expectations because Australians prioritising overseas travel in the wake of the pandemic and a lack of airline capacity was acting as a roadblock.

Flight Centre data shows that domestic travel bookings increased by 2 per cent from the previous year, and the Gold Coast, Ballina-Byron and Tasmania were the most popular destinations, while demand for Western Australia, Uluru and Alice Springs also surged.

The operator of Discovery Parks and G'Day Parks, G'day Group said bookings in WA were up 20 per cent from the previous year, and South Australia also did well as it saw more budget-conscious holiday-makers.

Popular destinations in Queensland, however, were affected by wild weather events. Cyclone Jasper caused damage across Far North Queensland and the temporary closure of Cairns Airport which peak body Accommodation Australia said caused occupancy rates to drop from mid 70 per cent to 30 per cent over December.

On the Gold Coast, wild thunderstorms forced the region's theme parks to close for several days.

Flight Centre chief executive Graham Turner said that the small spike in domestic tourism was dwarfed by a 15 per cent bounce in international booking over the Christmas period.

"People are still catching up from the Covid era where they couldn't fly and are prioritising international trips," Mr Turner said. "It is hard to know whether this will continue but forward bookings for overseas are very strong for the northern hemisphere summer."

Tourism Research Australia forecasts that international tourists won't surpass pre-pandemic levels until 2025 and the recovery was only two thirds complete. Meanwhile, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that the number of Australians returning from an overseas holiday was only down 7 per cent from pre-pandemic levels.

Mr Turner said that the popularity of outbound travel was affecting the volume of international tourists who could enter Australia and that limited capacity and higher airfares was making the country expensive to visit.

"There is still a long way to go to get back to pre-pandemic levels for inbound tourism and how long will depend on capacity, with the big volume of Aussies travelling taking up much of the available seats," he said.

The federal and Queensland governments are hoping to draw tourists back to Far North Queensland with a $5m fund to support local operators and to offer discounted airfares to the region.

Australian Federation of Travel Agents chief executive Dean Long said floods and rain that impacted Queensland resorted in cancellations from travellers who he observed had opted against rebooking into another destination.

"It was interesting that we did not see those funds get deployed elsewhere, but north Queensland is a particular destination with activities that are very unique in Australia," he said.

G'day Group chief executive Grant Wilckens said the summer holiday period had met expectations, but weather had dampened demand in parts of the country.

"Overall we are pretty happy with how summer has gone. We've hit our targets for December and will do so January, and we are currently tracking up 10 per cent from pre-Covid levels," he said.

Over the December and January, the Qantas Group expected to fly more than 8.5 million people across 70,000 Qantas and Jetstar flights, while Virgin Australia forecast 3.3 million would travel on its network.

Downturn in tech, retail drives decline in job ads

Matt Bell

Employers should have an easier time finding workers if the number of applicants for job ads is any indication, and more Australians are expected to be out of work this year.

Data from online employment company Seek shows that nationally job ads were down 17.4 per cent in the 12 months to December due to a slowdown in the national economy.

Ads for tech workers were down by 32 per cent, followed by retail and hospitality sectors (down 27 per cent), which have been affected by a pullback in consumer spending.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics this week releases the latest labour force figures for December, and economists expect the unemployment rate to remain steady at 3.9 per cent and 18,000 jobs to be added – compared with 61,500 jobs created in November.

Seek said Victoria experienced the sharpest decline in the number of job ads in the past year with volumes down 25 per cent, followed by 23.3 per cent in NSW and 16.2 per cent in the ACT. The Northern Territory was the only jurisdiction to have had an increase – at 1.8 per cent.

The falling rate at which employers sought to hire staff helped drive a 6 per cent increase in applications per job ads in the month to December, which came as national job ads rose 0.5 per cent in the month.

"For only the third time in 18 months job ad volumes rose in December," Seek managing director Kendra Banks said.

"The rise was supported by an increase in demand for trades and services workers, specifically labourers, welders and boilermakers, and gardening and landscaping roles."

Tasmania was the best location for job ads growth in the past month; the state was up 5.6 per cent, followed the NT at 1.6 per cent and Queensland on 0.7 per cent.

Education had the smallest decline in job ad volume in the past year at 5.9 per cent, but volumes fell 3.5 per cent in the month to December as institutions wound down for the academic year.

Separately, the "Keeping us up at Night" survey of 319 senior executives by KPMG released earlier this month showed that fewer senior executives were concerned about finding talent, with 42 per cent citing it as an issue for the year ahead, compared with 77 per cent in 2023 and 69 per cent in 2022.

GEELONG Mostly sunny. 27

Tomorrow 31 Wednesday 25 Thursday 23

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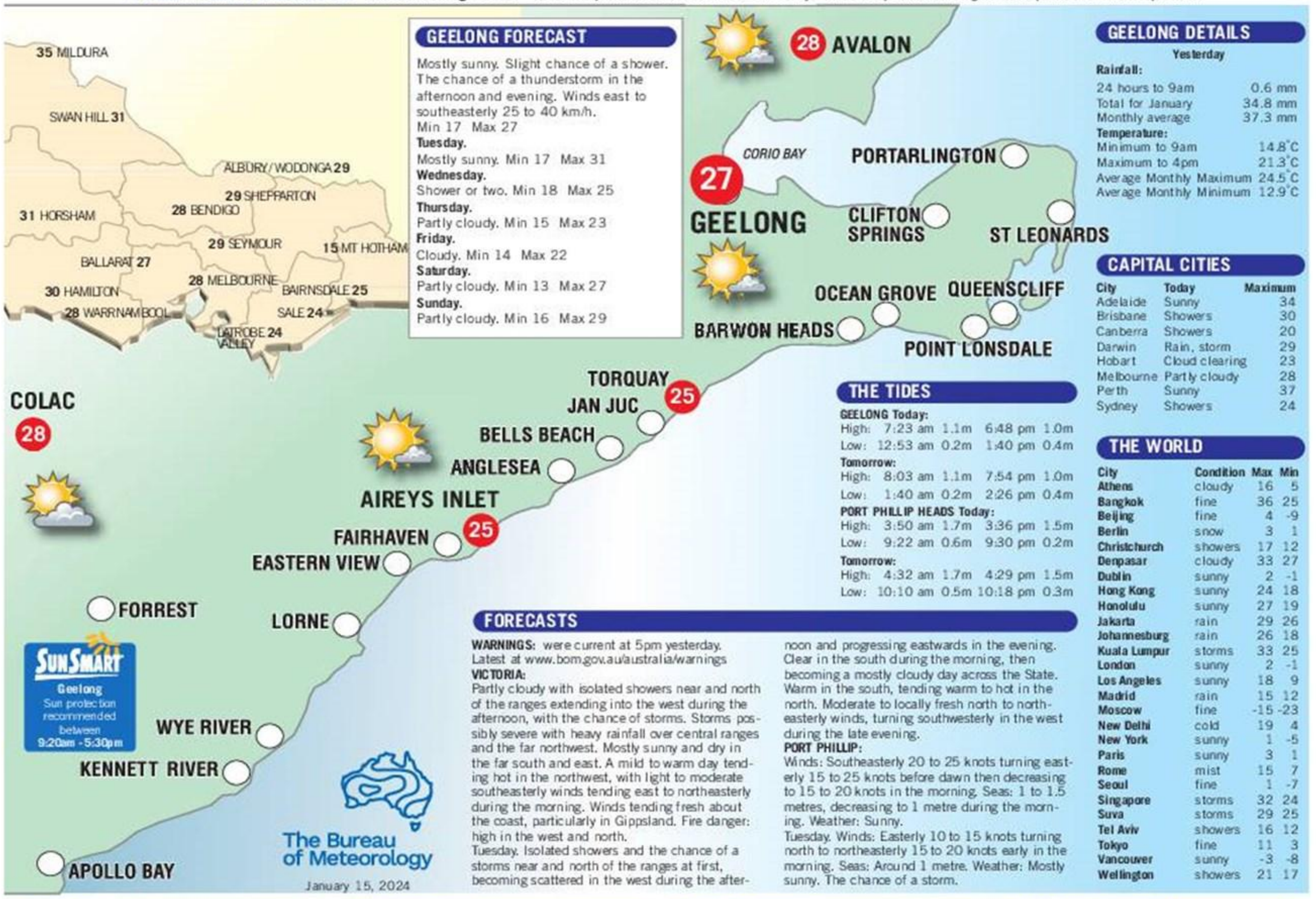

GEELONG FORECAST

Mostly sunny. Slight chance of a shower. The chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon and evening. Winds east to southeasterly 25 to 40 km/h.
Min 17 Max 27

Tuesday.
Mostly sunny. Min 17 Max 31

Wednesday.
Shower or two. Min 18 Max 25

Thursday.
Partly cloudy. Min 15 Max 23

Friday.
Cloudy. Min 14 Max 22

Saturday.
Partly cloudy. Min 13 Max 27

Sunday.
Partly cloudy. Min 16 Max 29

GEELONG DETAILS

Yesterday

Rainfall:

24 hours to 9am	0.6 mm
Total for January	34.8 mm
Monthly average	37.3 mm

Temperature:

Minimum to 9am	14.8°C
Maximum to 4pm	21.3°C
Average Monthly Maximum	24.5°C
Average Monthly Minimum	12.9°C

CAPITAL CITIES

City	Today	Maximum
Adelaide	Sunny	34
Brisbane	Showers	30
Canberra	Showers	20
Darwin	Rain, storm	29
Hobart	Cloud clearing	23
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	28
Perth	Sunny	37
Sydney	Showers	24

THE TIDES

GEELONG Today:

High:	7:23 am	1.1m	6:48 pm	1.0m
Low:	12:53 am	0.2m	1:40 pm	0.4m

Tomorrow:

High:	8:03 am	1.1m	7:54 pm	1.0m
Low:	1:40 am	0.2m	2:26 pm	0.4m

PORT PHILLIP HEADS Today:

High:	3:50 am	1.7m	3:36 pm	1.5m
Low:	9:22 am	0.6m	9:30 pm	0.2m

Tomorrow:

High:	4:32 am	1.7m	4:29 pm	1.5m
Low:	10:10 am	0.5m	10:18 pm	0.3m

THE WORLD

City	Condition	Max	Min
Athens	cloudy	16	5
Bangkok	fine	36	25
Beijing	fine	4	-9
Berlin	snow	3	1
Christchurch	showers	17	12
Denpasar	cloudy	33	27
Dublin	sunny	2	-1
Hong Kong	sunny	24	18
Honolulu	sunny	27	19
Jakarta	rain	29	26
Johannesburg	rain	26	18
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	25
London	sunny	2	-1
Los Angeles	sunny	18	9
Madrid	rain	15	12
Moscow	fine	-15	-23
New Delhi	cold	19	4
New York	sunny	1	-5
Paris	sunny	3	1
Rome	mist	15	7
Seoul	fine	1	-7
Singapore	storms	32	24
Suva	storms	29	25
Tel Aviv	showers	16	12
Tokyo	fine	11	3
Vancouver	sunny	-3	-8
Wellington	showers	21	17

FORECASTS

WARNINGS: were current at 5pm yesterday. Latest at www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings

VICTORIA:
Partly cloudy with isolated showers near and north of the ranges extending into the west during the afternoon, with the chance of storms. Storms possibly severe with heavy rainfall over central ranges and the far northwest. Mostly sunny and dry in the far south and east. A mild to warm day tending hot in the northwest, with light to moderate southeasterly winds tending east to northeasterly during the morning. Winds tending fresh about the coast, particularly in Gippsland. Fire danger: high in the west and north.
Tuesday. Isolated showers and the chance of a storms near and north of the ranges at first, becoming scattered in the west during the afternoon and progressing eastwards in the evening. Clear in the south during the morning, then becoming a mostly cloudy day across the State. Warm in the south, tending warm to hot in the north. Moderate to locally fresh north to northeasterly winds, turning southwesterly in the west during the late evening.

PORT PHILLIP:
Winds: Southeasterly 20 to 25 knots turning easterly 15 to 25 knots before dawn then decreasing to 15 to 20 knots in the morning. Seas: 1 to 1.5 metres, decreasing to 1 metre during the morning. Weather: Sunny.
Tuesday. Winds: Easterly 10 to 15 knots turning north to northeasterly 15 to 20 knots early in the morning. Seas: Around 1 metre. Weather: Mostly sunny. The chance of a storm.

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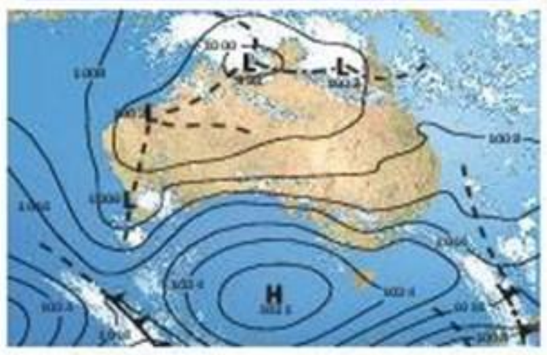

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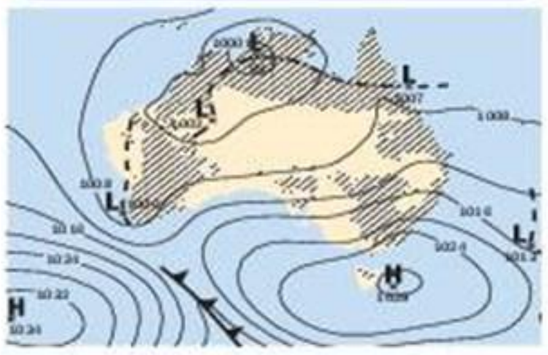

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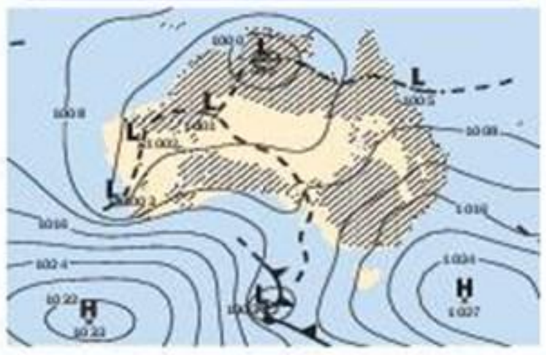

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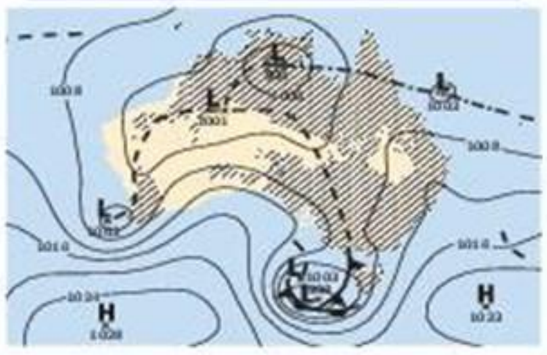

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With Mercury (ideas) now moving through Capricorn, it's an opportunity to find solutions to recently identified problems. And in our media driven world, it's worth remembering that the best answers aren't always found by an online search. As the tech industry showcases its latest developments at the start of the CES trade show, expect to see innovative advances in the world of AI and automatons. But nothing beats human heart-to-heart communication. And that's what the cosmos encourages today.

ARIES MAR 21–APR 20
No matter which direction you turn, or how much you achieve, you're facing more and more demands on your time. It's hard to keep track of the promises and commitments you need to honour (let alone find the energy to invest in looking after your own life and relationships). How are you meant to know what to prioritise when you've got wrongs to right and people's needs to look after? Today brings a chance to simplify things. Something can be dropped from your to-do list.

LEO JUL 24–AUG 23
When we're caught up in a confusing situation it's hard to envisage the ideal way to resolve it. But are you so embroiled in a need to avoid a particular issue (or relationship) that you'll settle for anything that seems better than it is right now? Yes, there are times when we have to shrug our shoulders, and deal with whatever life brings our way. But the current cosmic climate is offering you options. Don't lose sight of your standards today. Despite the uncertainty you're experiencing, you're close to attaining a goal.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23–DEC 21
It doesn't matter how convincingly someone explains something, we only hear what we want to hear and believe what we want to believe. And even if something is staring us in the face, we only see what we want to see. And since we tend to be much better at talking than listening, it's no wonder there's so much misunderstanding and miscommunication. Which means we learn to expect disharmony, even when we share common ground. Don't distrust the opportunity coming your way.

TAURUS APR 21–MAY 21
Although a positive attitude can get you a long way, even the most optimistic person in the world is going to find some things impossible. With the best will in the world, in some situations, certain goals are simply unattainable. I'm not mentioning this to dishearten you. Quite the opposite. It's just that past disappointments might tempt you to underestimate the possibility now being presented to you. You really can be confident today.

VIRGO AUG 24–SEP 23
Everything about life seems circular. The Moon circles around our planet. Our planet circles around the Sun. And the Sun rotates around its axis. And our minds seem to follow this same pattern. The cogs keep turning, and activating more cogs, which keep spinning. Your mind has been in a whirl recently. With so much going on, it's no wonder you're feeling a bit dizzy. Today, with your ruler, Mercury, settling into Capricorn, something starts making sense. You'll find once that happens, you'll regain a sense of balance.

CAPRICORN DEC 22–JAN 20
If we scratch beneath any surface, we find something waiting to be uncovered. Even a simple, random remark can be hiding emotions. If you're going to make the decision you need to make right now, there are certain issues to be taken into consideration. Otherwise, you might let your expectations inform your judgement and jump to the wrong conclusion. With Mercury (intellect) in your sign, you can carefully weigh up all the factors and come to a decision that has a powerfully positive effect on your future.

GEMINI MAY 22–JUN 22
We're going to test your mindreading skills. If you take a moment to close your eyes and relax, can you tell what the rest of your prediction is going to say? Of course you can't! There's no way you can know unless you read it! In fact, your forecast is going to tell you that you need to open your eyes and take a good look at an issue you'd prefer to ignore. Your ruler, Mercury, in earthy Capricorn, brings the courage and the clarity to see the path you need to follow to bring success your way.

LIBRA SEP 24–OCT 23
Although you can see a logical way to get to where you want to go, it doesn't look very enticing. Either it's going to be more expensive than you can afford. Or it involves crossing a particularly challenging terrain. You're hesitating, in the hope of discovering an alternative route. Yet, in your heart of hearts, you know it's going to be impossible to find one. So, your best option is to seek assistance. There are people around who can help smooth the way ahead. Explaining your needs takes courage.

AQUARIUS JAN 21–FEB 19
Think back to when you were at school. Every new term brought harder lessons to learn. Even though those days might be long over, we're all still students at the school of life; and a new year brings a different set of challenges. It doesn't seem to get any easier. As soon as we've got to grips with something, something else pops up. And if we don't learn the lesson, it re-presents itself, in a different format, until we do. With Mercury in a new sector of the sky, you've got the ability to look at an old problem and deal with it.

CANCER JUN 23–JUL 23
I was recently watching a documentary about parrots. Their ability to imitate made me think about how humans share that skill. We copy words, people and ideas. Sometimes, when we try out different ways of being, or different viewpoints, we sound as if we don't know what's going on. Then, we learn from other folk's reactions, and adapt. Mimicry is part of our developmental process. Yet there are times when we appear to be communicating, but the words and actions are devoid of real meaning.

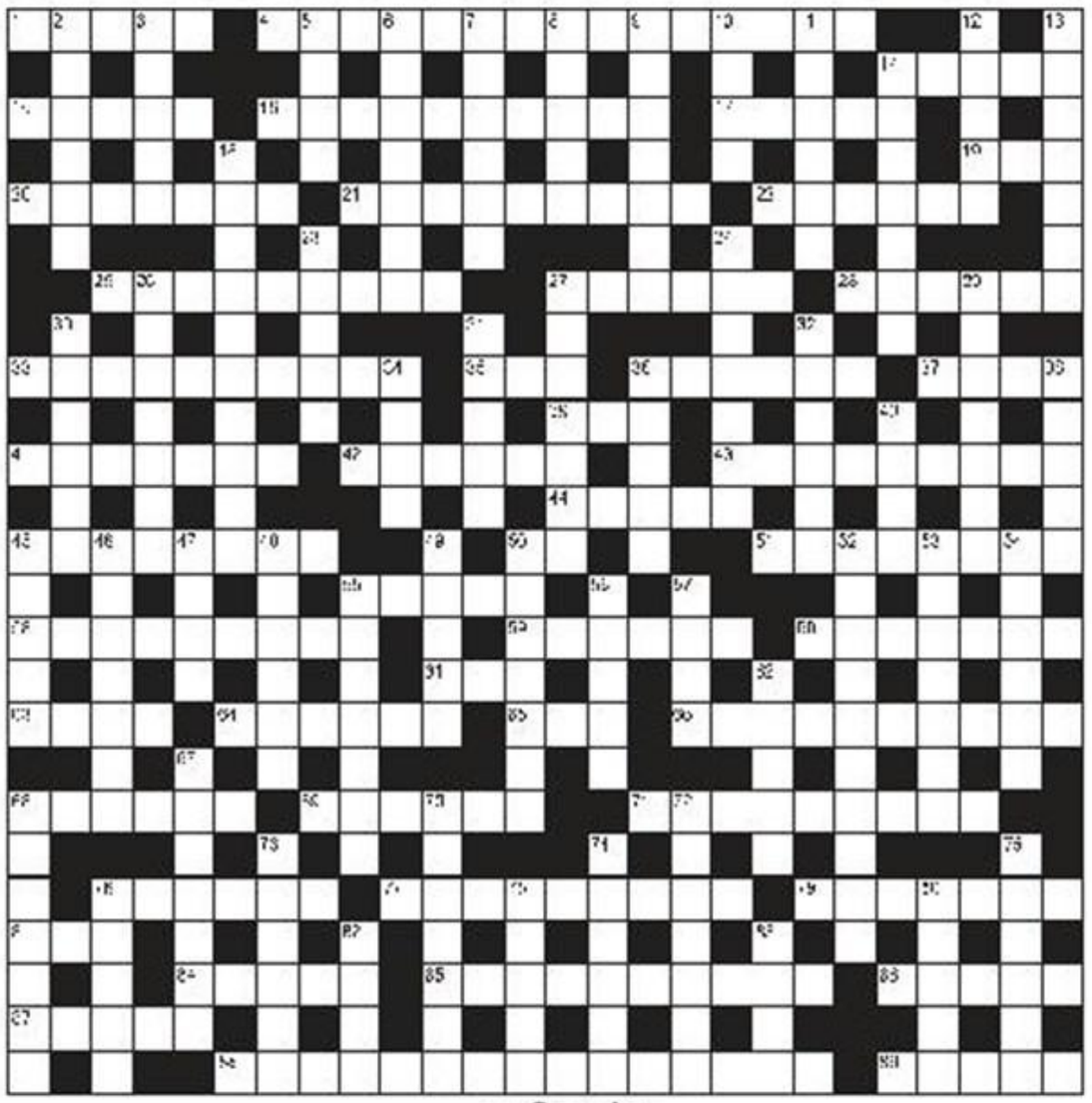
SCORPIO OCT 24–NOV 22
Imagine how you'd respond if everything started falling apart? Or how you'd manage if life only presented you with challenges, awkward people and impossible scenarios? If you want to picture a never-ending litany of worst-case scenarios, no-one's going to stop you. But I'm hoping you see how preposterous that notion is. Life on planet Earth might be crazy and unpredictable. But don't let your imagination take you down that unhelpful path. Instead, focus on how you can cope with an improvement.

PISCES FEB 20–MAR 20
As a chess-lover, I'm delighted by the resurgence in its popularity. With all the apps and online games, it's become accessible to anyone who likes pushing their strategic thinking to new levels. Yet satisfying though this kind of gameplay can be, it's only useful in certain scenarios. You're dealing with a situation that suits your emotional intelligence. And with Mercury (intellect) now in earthy Capricorn, your sensitivity, kindness and generosity are more effective than ever.

JUMBO CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Humid (5)
4 Scarce (4,2,3,6)
14 Bumpy (5)
15 Wish-granter (5)
16 Luminosity (10)
17 Become one (5)
19 Mongrel (3)
20 Protracted (7)
21 Nerve-racking (9)
22 Fireplace (6)
25 Offender (9)
27 Unvarying (6)
28 Supporting structure on rocket launch pad (6)
33 Lies (10)
35 Garden tool (3)
36 Lyrical (6)
37 Exude (4)
39 Automobile (3)
41 Enthusiasm-arousing address (3-4)
42 Acid neutraliser (6)
43 Road speed (anag) (9)
44 A region's plant life (5)
45 Cut (8)
50 Next to (2)
51 Shirt, tie (anag) (8)
55 Deep ravine (5)
58 Refuge (9)
59 Wits (6)
60 Plots (7)
61 Indicate assent (3)
63 Decisive defeat (4)
64 Wine serving bottle (6)
65 Public house (3)
66 Capital of Denmark (10)
68 Slows the progress of (6)
69 Dating regularly (6)
71 Irritable, hot-tempered (9)
76 Writer (6)
77 Predators (anag) (9)
79 Extremely old (7)
81 Rascal (3)
84 More pleasant (5)
85 Used to (10)
86 Thrill (5)
87 Mimicking (5)
88 Escape completely unpunished (3,4,4-4)
89 Actions (5)

DOWN
2 Patchy (6)
3 Exiting (5)
5 Toss (4)
6 Sleeping garment (7)
7 Spice (6)
8 Takes notice of (5)
9 Make hand signs (7)
10 Musical work (4)
11 Sounds (6)
12 Cluster (5)
13 Curative treatment (7)
14 Strategic withdrawal (7)
18 Rodent bred for fur (10)
23 Nincompoop (6)
24 Supplementary material at the end of a book (7)
26 Supporter's ribboned badge (7)
27 Define clearly (7)
29 Kettledrums (7)
30 Film holder (6)
31 Small medicine bottle (5)
32 Tawdry art (6)
34 Glossy fabric (4)
36 Evidence (5)
38 Utensils (5)
40 Prophet (4)
45 Intense beam generator (5)
46 Use up (7)
47 Assess (4)
48 Drink sachet (3,3)
49 Lying face downwards (5)
50 Sleeping material (7)
52 Firebomb (10)
53 Growth on foot (7)
54 Lace hole (6)
55 Went in a circle (7)
56 Signs up (5)
57 Heroic verse (4)
62 Sudden cramp (5)
67 Gliding on ice (7)
68 Sneering, derisive (7)
70 Art of Japanese flower arrangement (7)
72 Expression of criticism and censure (7)
73 Fencer's shout (6)
74 Painting done on wet plaster (6)
75 Aslant (6)
76 Month (5)
78 Sways (5)
80 Bisect (5)
82 Opera solo (4)
83 Festival (4)



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8 LETTERS
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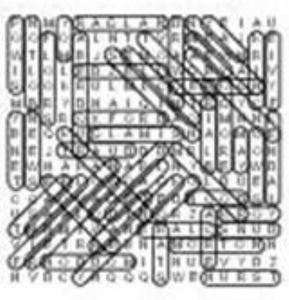
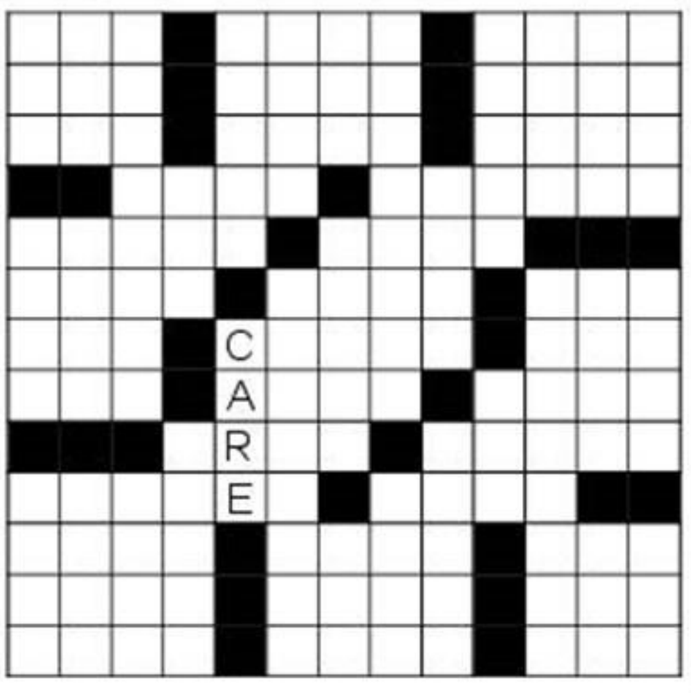
WAVERING



Saturday's WordFind

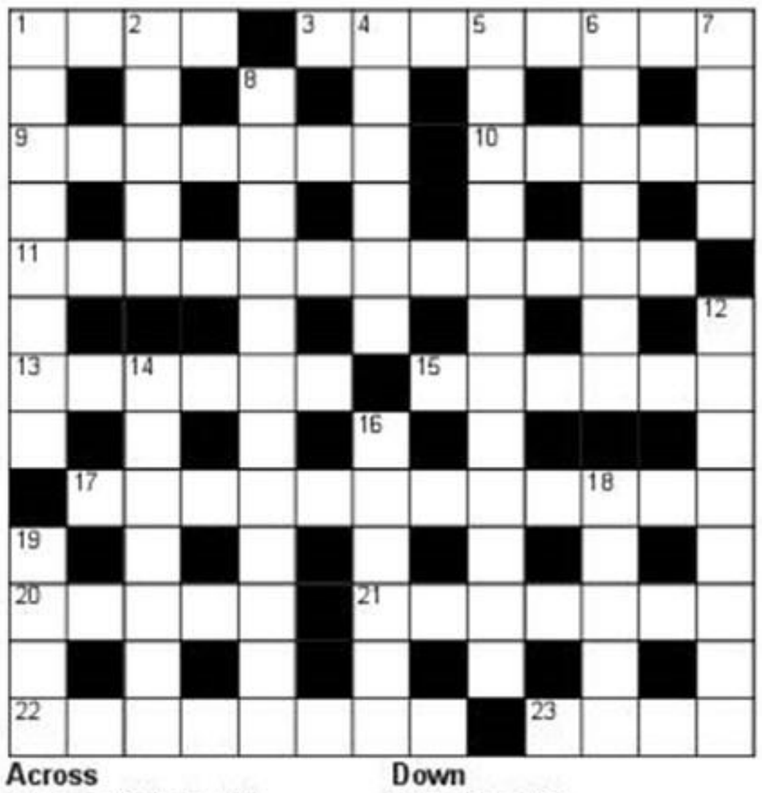


Saturday

ACROSS: 1. Indigo, 4. Residence, 9. Mass, 11. Pea, 12. Ago, 13. Past, 15. Brunt, 16. Sac, 17. Oath, 19. Pour, 21. Hard, 23. Vie, 24. Tariff, 26. Edge, 27. Hod, 28. Far, 30. Some, 31. Reign, 32. Vinyl, 34. Vying, 35. Shed, 36. Were, 38. Idle, 39. Undo, 40. Hassle, 44. Nun, 45. Keenly, 46. Lots, 48. Tote, 50. Sparse, 51. Mac, 53. Retort, 57. Gala, 58. Aura, 59. Fact, 61. Thru, 63. Carat, 65. Gooey, 67. Amble, 68. Epic, 69. For, 70. Axe, 71. Lour, 72. Bronco, 75. Rot, 76. Reel, 79. Iris, 81. Onyx, 82. Ova, 83. Muted, 84. Stab, 85. Its, 86. Lei, 87. Gift, 88. Swordplay, 89. Cheque.

DOWN: 1. Impoverish, 2. Into, 3. Opera, 4. Rabbi, 5. Squiffy, 6. Dither, 7. Nosegay, 8. Each, 9. Moor, 10. Schedule, 14. Specious, 18. Adhere, 20. Utensil, 22. Agog, 25. Rave, 29. Alien, 30. Snooker, 33. Idiot, 34. Vaunt, 36. Wrest, 37. Ruler, 41. Alpha, 42. Strut, 43. Elegiac, 47. Smart, 49. Orate, 52. Cargo, 54. Equator, 55. Outburst, 56. Times table, 59. For a song, 60. Cheery, 62. Hymn, 63. Cite, 64. Avocado, 66. Orbital, 69. Framed, 73. Oddly, 74. Civic, 77. Exit, 78. Loss, 80. Isle.

13x13 QUICK



Across
1. Type of window (4)
3. Tenses up (8)
9. Carry out (3,4)
10. Repeatedly (5)
11. Secret (12)
13. Unsophisticated (6)
15. Golf club (6)
17. Polite (4-8)
20. Dagger (5)
21. Relating to the heart (7)
22. Cancelling out (8)
23. Pleads (4)

Down
1. Grabbed (8)
2. Smooth, glossy fabric (5)
4. Cared for (6)
5. Leading contenders (5-7)
6. Pull out (7)
7. Founder (4)
8. Most lively (12)
12. Foretells (8)
14. Staggering (7)
16. Bird of prey (6)
18. Elevate (5)
19. Pelt, hide (4)

Saturday
Across: 1. Loquacious 7. Image 8. Collude 10. Sweating 11. Clad 13. Captor 15. Rely on 17. Able 18. Readable 21. Stature 22. Trite 23. Decelerate.
Down: 1. Leave 2. Question 3. Ascend 4. Idle 5. Usually 6. First-class 9. Endangered 12. Vendetta 14. Pulsate 16. Recede 19. Bribe 20. Nude.

5x5

	I		T	
U		L		T
	L		N	
T		P		E
	T		A	

Insert the missing letters to make five words reading across and five reading down.

Note: more than one solution may be possible

Saturday

P	A	S	T	E
A	L	P	H	A
R	O	L	E	S
C	H	I	M	E
H	A	T	E	S

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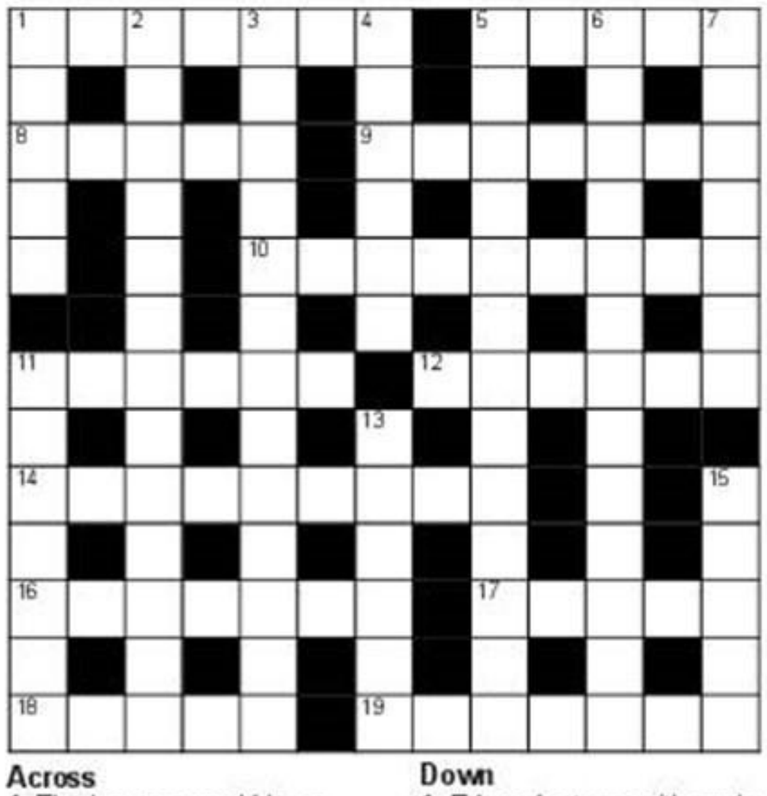

Across
1. The bouncer could be a donor, ma ... (7)
5. ... and an addict from Colorado, perhaps (5)
8. Chivalrous, Carlo departed the Hindu Festival (5)
9. Cleaned scorchingly quick? (7)
10. It is over the top when it comes to cricket and devastating (3,3,3)
11. A nagging way to mine for coal (4,2)
12. Returning with a cigarette iron, Bob made social blunders (6)
14. The printer ink replacer was a fly-by-nighter and party goer (3,6)
16. Sounds like the goats' coats were to be cut down (7)
17. The weird serve curves away (5)
18. Be nonchalant about a quiet time on the mat (5)
19. Ah, kilts, perhaps and something to top it off (4,3)

Down
1. Edward returns with sunburn culprit in spite of having cover (5)
2. Corey chatters about some bird (13)
3. Hot water in mug could be delicious (13)
4. Delicacy of character needed for pleasant town, we hear (6)
5. Got there but was late (4,2,7)
6. Could be several pages or just bits of the sentence (5,2,6)
7. Dancer gets 10 from France from two quarters which are base numbers (7)
11. Something to wear on retirement (7)
13. At a standstill, but you can remain little sibling so to speak (6)
15. Doesn't own pheasants without apes (5)

Saturday
Across: 2. Illustrator, 7. Water pistol, 9. Servile, 10. Repot, 11. George, 12. Ashore, 15. Diary, 17. Refresh, 19. In cold blood, 20. Fundamental.
Down: 1. Kiwis, 2. Interrogation, 3. Lurking, 4. Shires, 5. Rater, 6. Telephone poll, 8. Titre, 11. Giddy, 13. Safe bet, 14. Grille, 16. Yucca, 18. Hides.

CLUELESS CROSSWORD

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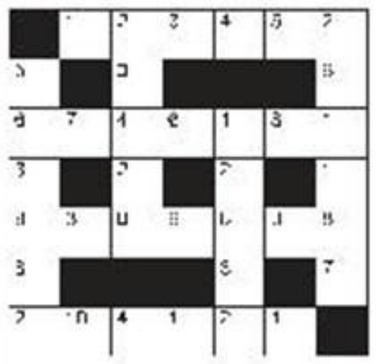


Numbers have been substituted for letters. Use the letter(s) given to work out the rest of the puzzle.

2 = T

Saturday

WordWheel

Insert the missing letter to make an eight-letter word reading either clockwise or anticlockwise.

Saturday: TOMAHAWK

Vocabularian

Choose the correct definition

Benison
a) Blessing
b) Shared thoughts
c) Monks' prayer service

Cateran
a) Mountain stream
b) Steamship engineer
c) Brigand

Saturday
Coif: head covering
Amplitude: vastness

TARGET

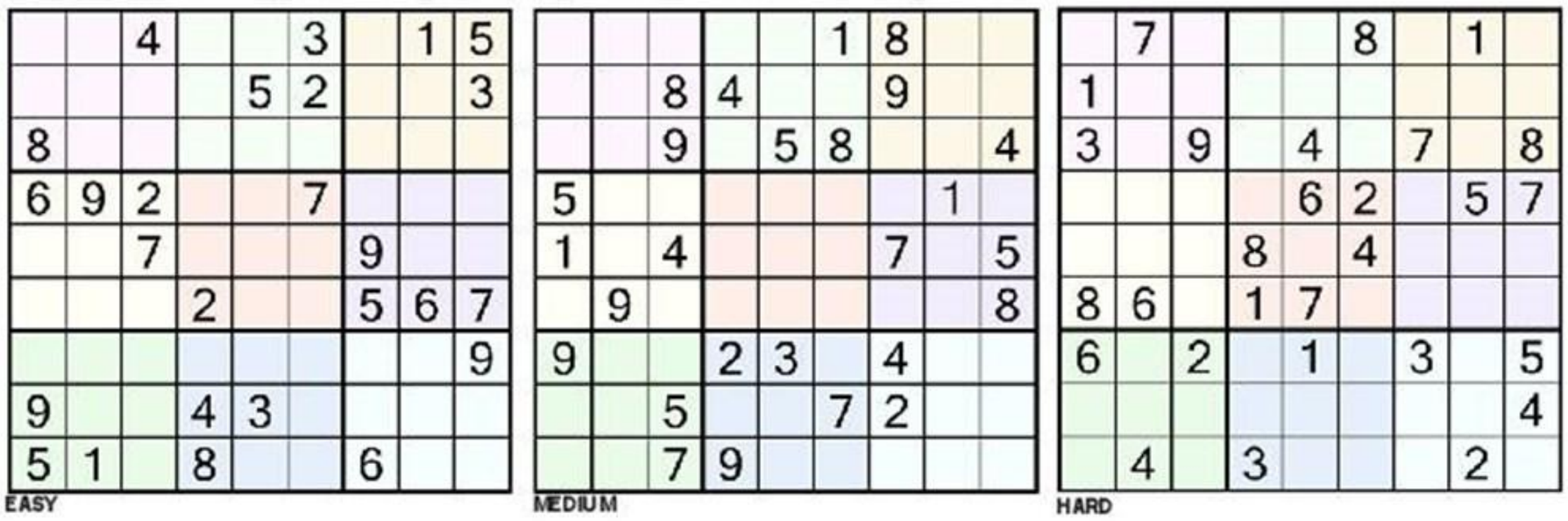
H	E	R
I	K	A
G	N	N

How many words of four letters or more can you make? Each letter must be used only once and all words must contain the centre letter. There is at least one nine-letter word.
No words starting with a capital are allowed, no plurals ending in s unless the word is also a verb, e.g. he burns with anger.
Good 10 Very Good 16 Excellent 24+

Saturday: adust anus aunt daunt daunts duet dune duns dust endue endues ensue ensued nausea nauseate NAUSEATED nude sauna saute sauteed stud stun sued suede suet sundae tuna tune tuned tunes unease unsated unseat unseated unset used

SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and each 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.



EASY

MEDIUM

HARD

Saturday's sudoku solutions

9	6	7	4	3	5	8	1	2
3	5	2	6	8	1	4	9	7
1	4	8	7	9	2	6	5	3
8	9	5	3	6	4	2	7	1
6	7	3	2	1	9	5	4	8
2	1	4	8	5	7	3	6	9
7	2	9	5	4	8	1	3	6
5	8	6	1	7	3	9	2	4
4	3	1	9	2	6	7	8	5

EASY

9	1	4	6	2	5	3	8	7
3	6	2	7	8	9	5	1	4
8	5	7	4	1	3	9	2	6
1	4	5	8	9	6	2	7	3
2	9	6	3	4	7	1	5	8
7	3	8	1	5	2	6	4	9
6	8	3	2	7	1	4	9	5
5	7	1	9	6	4	8	3	2
4	2	9	5	3	8	7	6	1

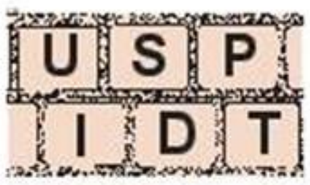
MEDIUM

6	3	4	8	5	7	1	9	2
9	5	8	2	6	1	4	7	3
2	1	7	9	4	3	5	8	6
4	9	3	6	7	5	8	2	1
8	6	5	3	1	2	9	4	7
7	2	1	4	9	8	3	6	5
5	4	2	7	3	9	6	1	8
1	8	6	5	2	4	7	3	9
3	7	9	1	8	6	2	5	4

HARD

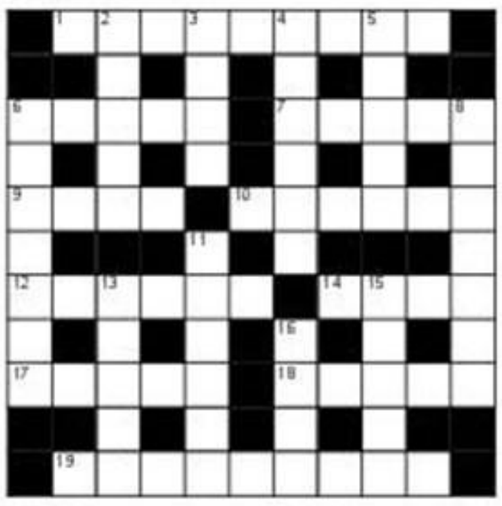
Saturday's WordBuilder solution
Fir, fit, fop, for, fort, frit, fro, oft, opt, pit, poi, port, pot, pro, prof, PROFIT, rift, riot, rip, rot, tip, tiro, top, topi, tor, tori, trio, trip.

WORDBUILDER



How many words of three or more letters, including plurals, can you make from the six letters, using each only once?
No words beginning with a capital are allowed. There's at least one six-letter word.
Good 15 Very Good 19 Excellent 23

11x11 QUICK



Across
1. Abundant wealth (9)
6. Holding device (5)
7. Toss (5)
9. Overdue (4)
10. A litre (anag) (6)
12. Antiseptic tincture (6)
14. Throbbing pain (4)
17. African country (5)
18. Agent, representative (5)
19. Dry out (9)

Down
2. Banquet (5)
3. Track circuits (4)
4. Paris tower (6)
5. Porcelain (5)
6. Telephoning (7)
8. Golf tournament spectators (7)
11. Anxious (6)
13. Male duck (5)
15. Flat-headed nail (5)
16. Nautical pole (4)

Saturday's 11x11 quick
Across: 1. Fool's errand, 7. Chink, 8. Scrub, 9. Seep, 11. Bereft, 14. Master, 16. Bars, 20. Nerve, 21. Aroma, 22. Contentment.
Down: 1. Focus, 2. Olive, 3. Sake, 4. Russet, 5. Agree, 6. Debut, 10. Era, 12. Far, 13. Secede, 14. Manic, 15. Siren, 17. Alone, 18. Start, 19. Fact.

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News. **9.00** News. **10.00** Movin' To The Country. (R) **11.00** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Vera. (M, R) **2.30** Back Roads. (R) **3.00** The Cook And The Chef. (R) **3.25** Tenable. (R) **4.15** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.15** Love Your Garden.

6.00 Back Roads. (R)
6.30 Hard Quiz. (PG, R)
7.00 ABC News.
7.30 7.30.
8.00 Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer. (M)
9.00 You Can't Ask That. (M, R)
9.35 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids. (M, R)
10.35 ABC Late News.
10.50 War On Waste. (PG, R)
11.55 Changing Ends. (PG, R)
12.15 Love Your Garden. (R)
1.05 Tenable. (R)
1.50 Rage. (MA15+)
4.40 The Durrells. (PG, R)
5.30 7.30. (R)

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** Home And Away. (PG, R)

1.30 Home And Away. (PG, R)
2.00 Border Security: International. (PG, R)
2.30 Surf Patrol. (R)
3.00 The Chase. (R)
4.00 Seven News At 4.
5.00 The Chase Australia.
6.00 Seven News.
7.00 Home And Away. (PG)
7.35 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. From the MCG.
11.00 Motorway Patrol. (PG)
11.30 Highway Cops. (M)
12.00 Bates Motel. (M, R)
1.00 Bates Motel. (M, R)
2.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 NBC Today.
5.00 Seven Early News.
5.30 Sunrise.

NINE (9)

6.00 Today.
10.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show.
11.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2.
4.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Roz Kelly.
6.00 9News.
7.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Late-night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
12.00 New Amsterdam. (M, R)
1.00 Family Law. (M, R)
2.00 Destination Australia. (R)
2.30 Global Shop. (R)
3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R)
4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PG)
4.30 Explore TV: Norfolk Island. (R)
5.00 9News Early.
5.30 Today.

TEN (10)

6.00 The Talk. (PG) (Return) **7.00** Everyday Gourmet. (R) **7.30** Ent. Tonight. (R) **8.00** Farm To Fork. (R) **8.30** Good Chef Bad Chef. (R) **9.00** Judge Judy. (PG, R) **9.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG, R) **10.00** The Yes Experiment. (R) **10.30** Luxury Escapes. (R) **11.00** Food Trail South Africa. (R) **11.30** My Market Kitchen. (PG, R) **12.00** 10 News First: Midday. **1.00** Dr Phil. (PG, R) **2.00** Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. (R) **3.00** Entertainment Tonight. **3.30** Farm To Fork.

4.00 Neighbours. (PG)
4.30 The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG)
5.00 10 News First.
6.30 The Project.
7.30 Gladiators. (PG) (New Series)
8.55 FBI: Most Wanted. (M, R)
9.55 FBI: Most Wanted. (M, R)
10.50 The Project. (R)
12.00 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG)
1.00 Home Shopping. (R)
4.30 CBS Mornings.

SBS (3)

6.00 DW English News. **6.30** ABC America This Week. **7.30** France 24 English News. **8.00** DD India News Hour. **9.15** World's Most Secret Homes. (PG, R) **10.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **11.00** Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PG, R) **12.10** BBC News At Ten. **12.30** ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. **1.00** PBS News Weekend. **1.30** Al Jazeera News Second Edition. **2.05** Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (M, R) **3.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **3.30** The Cook Up. (R) **4.00** The Supervet. **5.00** Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 7. Highlights. **6.00** Mastermind Aust. (R) **6.30** News. **7.30** Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends. (PG)

8.25 Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South.
9.20 The Secret Life Of Lighthouses. (PG, R) **10.15** SBS News. **10.45** Bianca. (MA15+) **11.45** Reyka. (MA15+, R) **3.40** Going Places. (R) **4.40** Barnay. (R) **5.00** NHK World English News Morning. **5.30** ANC Philippines The World Tonight.

ABC TV PLUS (22)

7.05pm Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. (R)
7.20 Bluey. (R)
7.30 Spicks And Specks. (PG, R)
8.00 Would I Lie To You? (PG, R)
8.30 MythBusters. (PG)
9.20 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R)
10.55 Louis Theroux's LA Stories. (M, R) (Final)

7TWO (72)

6.30pm Bargain Hunt. (R) The teams head to Oswestry.
7.30 Doc Martin. (M, R) Martin prepares for his hearing.
8.30 Endeavour. (M, R) Part 1 of 3. Opening on New Year's Eve 1969, the team has been reunited at Castle Gate CID.
10.30 Fortitude. (MA15+, R)
11.30 Doc Martin. (M, R)

9GEM (92, 95)

6pm Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Matthew Pavlich and Nick McArdle.
11.00 Death In Paradise. (M, R) After a British policeman is found murdered on a tiny Caribbean island, DI Poole is sent to investigate.
12am Madam Secretary. (M, R) ISIL terrorists threaten to destroy a dam.

10 BOLD (12)

6.30pm JAG. (PG, R) Harm and Mac travel to Afghanistan.
7.30 Bull. (M, R) Bull is asked to help a teachers' union.
8.30 NCIS. (M, R) With the help of the coast guard, Gibbs and the team investigate the murder of a marine on a dinner cruise.
10.20 NCIS: Los Angeles. (M, R) The girlfriend of a former officer is kidnapped.

SBS VICELAND (31)

6.15pm The Fast History Of. (PG)
6.40 Jeopardy!
7.30 NITV News Update.
7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (M, R)
8.30 Taskmaster. (M, R) Hosted by Greg Davies.
9.25 Two Weeks To Live.
10.25 Scrubs. (PG, R)
11.25 Hoarders. (M, R)

ABC ME (23)

7pm Horrible Histories. (R)
7.30 Shaun The Sheep. (R)
7.35 The Penguins Of Madagascar. (R)
8.00 The Legend Of Korra. (PG, R)
8.25 Jade Armor. (R)
8.45 Mustangs FC. (R)
9.10 School Of Rock. (R)
9.35 Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". (PG, R)
10.10 Rage. (PG, R)

7MATE (73, 74)

6.30pm Pawn Stars. (PG, R)
7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. From the MCG.
7.35 Outback Opal Hunters. (PG, R) The Rookies face a potential disaster.
8.30 Aussie Salvage Squad. (PG, R) Team Salvage heads to the NT.
10.30 Ax Men. (M)

9GO! (93,99)

6pm Tennis. Australian Open. Afternoon 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Roz Kelly.
7.00 The Nanny. (PG, R)
7.30 Seinfeld. (PG, R)
8.30 MOVIE: Assault On Precinct 13. (MA15+, R) (2005) Ethan Hawke, Laurence Fishburne.
10.35 Seinfeld. (PG, R)
11.35 The Emily Atack Show. (MA15+, R)

10 PEACH (11)

6pm Frasier. (PG, R)
6.30 Neighbours. (PG, R)
7.00 The Big Bang Theory. (PG, R)
8.30 Two And A Half Men. (PG, R) Charlie worries about commitment.
10.00 Rules Of Engagement. (PG, R) Jeff has a night with the guys.
11.00 Frasier. (PG, R)
12am Home Shopping. (R)

SBS MOVIES (32)

7.30pm Those Happy Years. (M) (2013) An artist's world is turned upside down. Micaela Ramazzotti, Kim Rossi Stuart.
9.30 Gotti. (MA15+, R) (2018) Charts the story of New York mobster John Gotti and his family as they try to retain control of their lives. John Travolta, Kelly Preston.
11.35 The Best Offer. (M, R) (2013) An auctioneer becomes obsessed with a woman. Geoffrey Rush, Jim Sturgess.

ABC NEWS (24)

6pm ABC News Hour.
7.00 ABC National News.
7.30 ABC Evening News.
8.00 ABC News Tonight.
8.30 Australian Story. (R)
9.00 ABC Nightly News.
9.25 Foreign Correspondent. (R)
10.00 The World.
10.30 7.30.
11.00 ABC Late News.

7FLIX (76)

6.30pm Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG, R) Dr Harry Cooper meets a bomb detection dog unit.
7.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (M, R) A secret service agent is murdered.
8.30 Law & Order: SVU. (MA15+, R) Construction workers pouring sand into a newly made playground discover the remains of a young boy.
10.30 Law & Order: LA. (MA15+, R)

9LIFE (94)

6pm House Hunters International. (R)
7.00 House Hunters. (R)
8.30 Christina On The Coast. (PG, R) Christina Hall takes on new clients.
9.30 Flip Or Flop. (R) A home with a strange layout gets flipped.
10.30 Mexico Life.
11.30 House Hunters. (R)

NITV (34)

6pm Barnay. (R)
6.30 NITV News Update.
6.40 Volcanic Odysseys. (PG, R)
7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG, R)
8.30 Living Black: Adam Briggs - Lyrical Activist. (R) Karla Grant chats with Adam Briggs.
9.00 MOVIE: Backroads. (MA15+, R) (1977) Bill Hunter, Gary Foley.
10.00 MOVIE: Jason's Lyric. (1994)

SBS FOOD (33)

6pm Food Safari Earth. (R)
6.30 Lidia's Kitchen.
7.00 The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (R)
7.30 Shane Delia's Spice Journey. (R)
8.00 Luke Nguyen's India. (R)
8.30 Eva Longoria: Searching For Mexico. (PG, R)
9.25 Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R)
9.30 Come Dine With Me UK. (PG, R)

CLASSIFICATIONS: (PG) Parental Guidance Recommended **(M)** Mature Audiences **(MA15+)** Mature Audiences Only **(AV15+)** Extreme Adult Violence **(R)** Repeat. **Please Note:** Programs are correct at the time of print and are subject to change by the networks.

PREMIERE (CH 401)

6.00 Tár. (2022) (M) **8.35** What's Love Got To Do With It? (2022) (M) **10.30** The Machine. (2023) (MA15+) **12.25** Fast X. (2023) (M) **2.55** Pearl. (2022) (MA15+) **4.48** Assassin Club. (2023) (MA15+) **6.45** Evil Dead Rise. (2023) (MA15+) **8.30** Children Of The Corn. (2020) (MA15+) **10.10** Three Thousand Years Of Longing. (2022) (M) **12.02** All My Friends Hate Me. (2021) (MA15+) **1.40** She Said. (2022) (M) **3.52** Mona Lisa And The Blood Moon. (2022) (MA15+) **5.40** I Am Here. (2021) (M)

GREATS (CH 410)

6.00 Stand By Me. (1986) **7.10** The Goonies. (1985) **9.10** Gremlins. (1984) **11.00** A League Of Their Own. (1992) **1.10** Major League. (1989) **3.00** Boiling Point. (1993) **4.40** The Big Lebowski. (1998)

6.40 Heart And Souls. (1993)
8.30 The Notebook. (2004) Rachel McAdams, Ryan Gosling.
10.40 Cast A Deadly Spell. (1991)
12.20 Saturday Night Fever. (1977) John Travolta, Karen Lynne Gorney, Barry Miller. **2.15** Schindler's List. (1993) Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley. **5.25** Blade Runner. (1982) Harrison Ford.

UKTV (CH 105)

6.00 Morning Programs. **8.30** Mrs Brown's Boys. (M) **9.05** Jonathan Ross. (M) **10.05** Doc Martin. (M) **11.05** Would I Lie To You? (PG) **11.40** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) **12.50** Midsomer Murders. (PG) **2.55** New Tricks. (M) **4.00** Father Brown. (M) **5.00** QI. (PG) **6.10** Richard Osman's House Of Games Night. (PG) **6.45** Emmerdale. (PG) **7.15** Coronation Street. (PG) **7.50** East Enders. (PG) **8.30** DCI Banks. (MA15+) **9.30** New Tricks. (M) **10.30** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. (M) **12.25** Late Programs.

SHOWCASE (CH 112)

6.00 The Walking Dead. (MA15+) **10.00** Downton Abbey. (M) **11.00** Movie: Oslo. (2021) (M) **1.00** The Wire. (MA15+) **2.00** Big Little Lies. (M) **3.00** Downton Abbey. (M) **4.00** To Be Advised. **5.00** Entitled. (M) **6.00** The End. (MA15+) **6.30** Downton Abbey. (M) **8.30** True Detective: Night Country. New Series. **9.30** Bookie. (MA15+) **10.30** The Wire. (MA15+) **11.30** True Detective: Night Country. **12.30** Downton Abbey. (M) **1.30** The Newsroom. (M) **2.30** Late Programs.

DISCOVERY (CH 133)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.15** Hoffman Family Gold. (M) **10.10** Moonshiners Special. (M) **11.05** Homestead Rescue. (PG) **12.55** Naked And Afraid. (M) **1.55** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **2.50** End Of The Rope. (PG) **3.45** Deadliest Catch. (M) **4.40** Dirty Jobs. (PG) **5.35** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **6.35** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail. (M) **7.30** Airplane Repo. (M) **8.30** Outback Opal Hunters. (PG) **9.30** Demolition Down Under. (PG) **10.25** Aussie Gold Hunters. (PG) **11.20** Naked And Afraid. (M) **12.15** Late Programs.

FAMILY (CH 403)

6.00 The Angry Birds Movie 2. (2019) (PG) **7.25** Boonie Bears: Back To Earth. (2022) (PG) **9.05** Lyle, Lyle Crocodile. (2022) **9.10** Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2. (2013) **10.50** The Smurfs. (2011) **12.35** The Smurfs 2. (2013) **2.25** Smurfs: The Lost Village. (2017) **4.00** Flipper. (1996) (PG) **5.40** Puss In Boots: The Last Wish. (2022) (PG) **7.30** Lyle, Lyle Crocodile. (2022) **9.25** Paddington 2. (2017) **11.10** Pompo: The Cinéphile. (2021) (PG) **12.45** Paddington 2. (2017) **2.25** Late Programs.

ACTION (CH 405)

6.00 Mission: Impossible. (1996) (M) **7.55** Unleashed. (2005) (MA15+) **9.40** The Dark Tower. (2017) (M) **11.20** Godzilla. (1998) (PG) **1.40** Wonder Woman. (2017) (M) **4.05** Wonder Woman 1984. (2020) (M) **6.40** 2 Fast 2 Furious. (2003) (M)

8.30 Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines. (2003) (M)
10.25 Death Race. (2008) (MA15+) **12.10** S.W.A.T. (2003) (M) **2.05** Blade II. (2002) (MA15+) **4.00** Ned Kelly. (2003) (MA15+) **5.50** The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (2015) (M)

FOX8 (CH 108)

6.00 Men In Black. (PG) **6.30** The Great North. (PG) **7.00** Taskmaster. (M) **9.00** Rick And Morty. (MA15+) **9.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **10.30** Two And A Half Men. (M) **12.00** To Be Advised. **1.00** Taskmaster. (M) **3.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **4.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **5.30** Taskmaster. (M) **7.30** Taskmaster Champion Of Champions 3. New Series. **9.00** Krapopolis. (M) **10.00** Two And A Half Men. (M) **11.30** Entourage. (MA15+) **12.25** Krapopolis. (M) **1.15** Superstars (WWF) (M) **2.00** Late Programs.

BBC FIRST (CH 119)

6.00 Boat Story. (MA15+) **6.55** Silent Witness. (M) **8.05** Death In Paradise. (M) **9.05** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **10.00** Call The Midwife. (PG) **11.05** Chivalry. (MA15+) **11.30** Nolly. (M) **2.10** Marie Antoinette. (M) **3.15** Silent Witness. (M) **4.25** Death In Paradise. (M) **5.30** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **6.30** Call The Midwife. (PG) **8.40** Happy Valley. (MA15+) **9.45** The Catch. (M) **10.40** Marie Antoinette. (MA15+) **11.40** Death In Paradise. (M) **12.35** Unforgotten. (MA15+) **1.25** Late Programs. **5.50** The Fall. (MA15+)

LIFESTYLE (CH 106)

6.00 Morning Programs. **9.00** Flog It! **10.00** Location, Location, Location Revisits. (PG) **11.00** GB Sewing Bee. **12.10** Selling Houses Aust. (PG) **1.15** Escape To The Country. **2.10** Antiques Roadshow. **3.20** Bargain Hunt. **4.15** Better Homes. **5.30** Chateau DIY. **6.30** 999: On The Front Line. (M) **7.30** Selling Houses Aust. (PG) **8.30** Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG) **9.30** Sort Your Life Out. (PG) **10.40** Escape To The Country. **11.35** 24 Hours In Emergency. (PG) **12.35** Late Programs.

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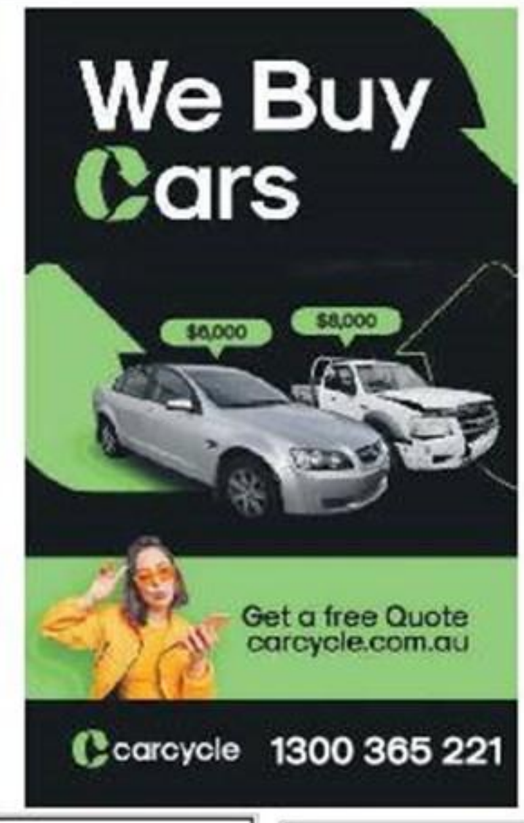

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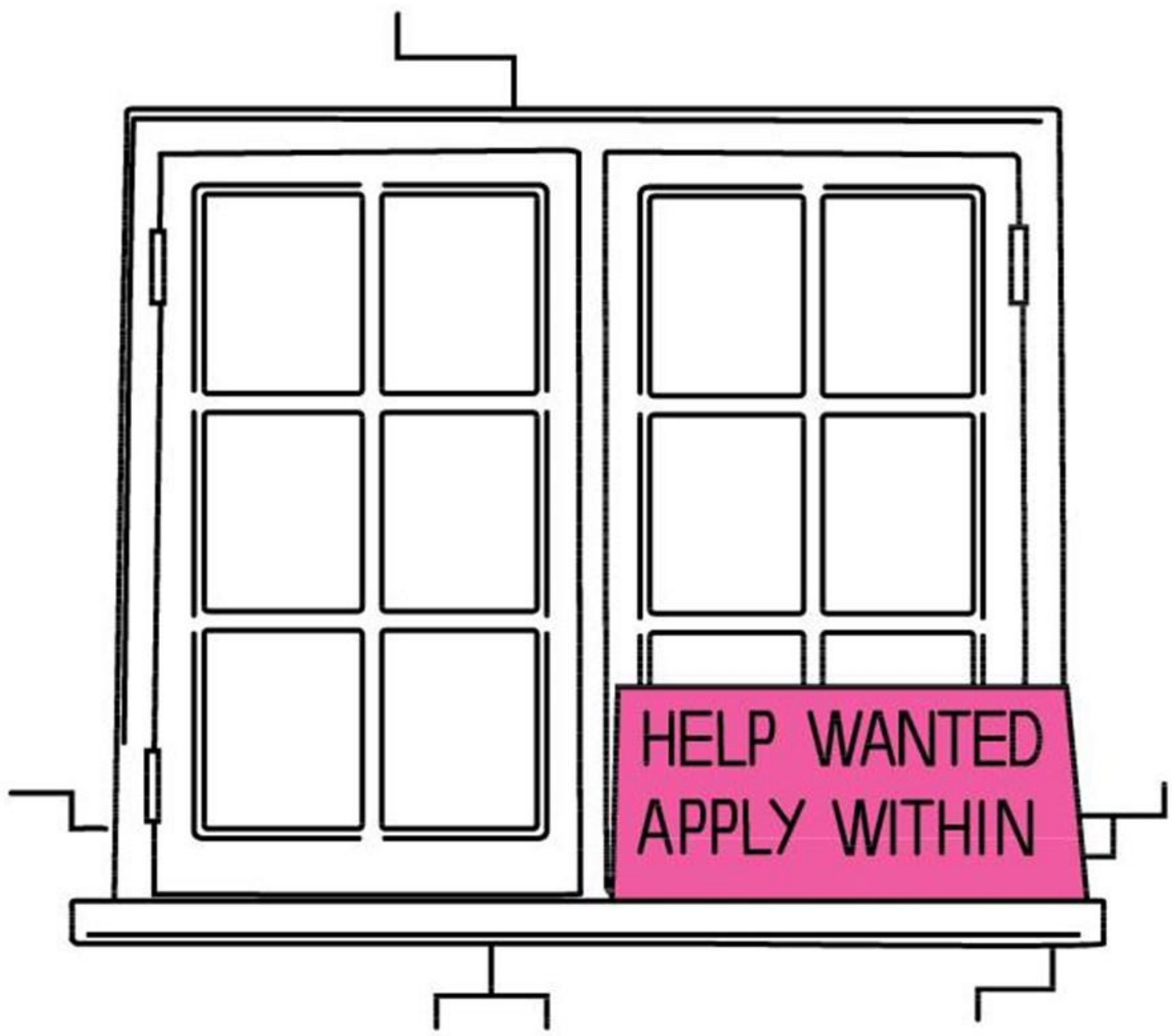

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CRICKET

PREMIER

RD 14
FIRSTS
GEELONG v RINGWOOD
at Geelong Cricket Ground
Geelong 1st Innings

H Butterworth c O Horlock b I Holland.....15
R Aikman c D King b I Holland.....0
J Larkin c D Walker b J Freeman.....13
O Poole c P Patil b I Holland.....5
H Hauenstein b D King.....44
J McDonald c D Walker b J Freeman.....76
D Mehta c A Amin b M Fotia.....1
A Beard c B Gibson b M Fotia.....0
D Mehta c D Walker b I Holland.....18
C Stow c B Gibson b J Freeman.....3
T Neate not out.....1
Sundries (3w 5lb).....8
Total.....184
Fall: 10, 15, 33, 33, 130, 133, 133, 177, 182, 184.
Bowling: M Fotia 10-0-32-2, I Holland 8.2-3-25-4, J Freeman 8-0-28-3, D King 9-0-51-1, D Walker 5-0-20-0, P Patil 5-1-23-0.
Overs: 45.2.

Ringwood 1st Innings

D King c A Beard b C Stow.....19
A Amin c J McDonald b A Beard.....18
L Bangs c R Aikman b T Neate.....0
R Aikman b H Butterworth.....44
O Horlock c O Poole b J Garner.....2
J Freeman b C Stow 4 not out.....37
J Roberts b D Mehta.....5
P Patil run out R Aikman.....1
M Fotia c A Beard b D Mehta.....0
D Walker lbw D Mehta.....3
Sundries (4w 5lb).....9
Total.....138
Fall: 28, 29, 61, 70, 71, 104, 124, 126, 126, 138.
Bowling: A Beard 7-0-37-1, T Neate 4-0-21-1, J Garner 7-0-28-1, C Stow 9-0-21-2, H Butterworth 5-0-16-1, H Hauenstein 1-0-2-0, D Mehta 4.3-1-8-3.
Overs: 37.3.
Geelong won.

SECONDS
RINGWOOD v GEELONG
at Jubilee Park No.1 (Ringwood), Russell Lucas
Geelong 1st Innings

H Melville b J Cameron.....10
F Cozens c A Meehan b T Sugumar.....18
L Field c M Amin b A Meehan.....79
V Malhotra c L Tully b T Sugumar.....27
T Courtney c M Amin b T Sugumar.....33
A Sehrawat c M Amin b A Meehan.....29
M Robb b A Meehan.....17
J Collins not out.....3
Z Attard c P Jelimenko b H Flynn.....6
J McDonald not out.....0
Sundries (4lb 10w 2nb).....16
Eight wickets for.....238
Fall: 22, 53, 96, 177, 196, 228, 229, 238.
Bowling: A Meehan 10-1-50-3, L Tully 7-1-35-0, G Lawson 10-0-46-0, J Cameron 8-0-40-1, T Sugumar 10-1-34-3, H Flynn 5-0-29-1.
Overs: 50.

Ringwood 1st Innings

P Jelimenko c H Melville b J McDonald.....0
E Walker c A Sehrawat b J McDonald.....1
A Flynn b E Leishman.....9
T Sugumar c H Melville b K Helwig.....11
H Flynn c J Collins b A Sehrawat.....34
Z Flintoff c J McDonald b Z Attard.....1
M Amin c F Cozens b Z Attard.....3
L Tully c K Helwig b Z Attard.....0
M King c K Helwig b A Sehrawat.....26
J Cameron b J McDonald.....12
G Lawson not out.....1
A Meehan not out.....0
Sundries (7lb 5w).....12
Total.....110
Fall: 0, 11, 12, 39, 42, 48, 48, 90, 108, 110.
Bowling: Z Attard 6-2-12-3, A Sehrawat 4.1-0-25-2, E Leishman 3-0-17-1, K Helwig 5-0-13-1, L Field 3-0-12-0, J McDonald 6-0-24-3.
Overs: 27.1.
Geelong won (DLS).

THIRDS
GEELONG v RINGWOOD
at Kardinia Park West
Geelong 1st Innings

M Hutchinson c R Ervine b S Howell.....4
J Chislett b Z Gelsi.....55
C Weidemann not out.....91
F Grimsey-Cook lbw T Nandini.....7
J Mastin b T Humphries.....55
J Klein c S Howell b T Nandini.....9
T Bain not out.....6
Sundries (14w 2nb 4lb 3b).....23
Five wickets for.....250
Bowling: S Howell 8-0-42-1, J Beaton 7-0-39-0, Z Gelsi 9-0-53-1, T Humphries 9-1-44-1, T Nandini 9-0-48-2, I Macklin 3-0-17-0.
Overs: 45.

Ringwood 1st Innings

R Ervine c M Hutchinson b S Kimber.....13
M Mountain c O Haberfield b L Weidemann.....15
W Box not out.....25
D Ivanovic lbw L Weidemann.....0
B O'Riley c J Mastin b T Cunningham.....17
Z Grech not out.....1
Sundries (6w 2lb).....8
Four wickets for.....79
Bowling: S Kimber 6-0-15-1, L Weidemann 6-0-33-2, O Haberfield 2-0-13-0, J Mastin 3-0-10-0, T Cunningham 2-0-6-1.
Overs: 19.
No result provided.

FOURTHS
RINGWOOD v GEELONG
at Jubilee Park No.2 Oval (Ringwood)
Geelong 1st Innings

N Barry c T Webb b L Walker.....9
B Craig c J Meyers b L O'Brien.....16
J Hunter run out P Dave.....19
O Rodgers b J Meyers.....6
H Burke lbw P Dave.....6
N Donazzon c ? b J Meyers.....2
J Balci lbw L O'Brien.....27
A Sharma run out T Webb.....2
L Eldridge b L O'Brien.....12
K Ettridge c L Saultry b L O'Brien.....11
W Rodda not out.....10
Sundries (1b 4lb 11w 1nb).....17
Total.....137
Fall: 19, 47, 58, 61, 66, 76, 94, 109, 125, 137.
Bowling: J Meyers 5-0-24-2, L Walker 4-0-40-1, T Webb 5-0-18-0, L Saultry 7-0-29-0, P Dave 5-2-4-1, L O'Brien 7.1-1-17-4.
Overs: 33.1.

Ringwood 1st Innings

T Ridley c H Burke b L Eldridge.....17
J Edwards not out.....34
K Taylor c N Donazzon b W Rodda.....0
L Saultry lbw K Ettridge.....2
P Beck lbw J Atkinson.....5
W Banfield not out.....30
Sundries (6lb 9w 2nb).....17
Four wickets for.....105
Fall: 25, 30.
Bowling: J Atkinson 3-0-21-1, W Rodda 6.4-1-30-1, H Burke 2-0-10-0, L Eldridge 5-0-20-1, K Ettridge 2-0-18-1.
Overs: 19.4.
Ringwood won (DLS).

GCA DIVISION 1

RD 10
ConnectTel GCA 1 1st XI
NEWTOWN & CHILWELL v ST JOSEPHS
at Queens Park 1 (Highton) Stinton Oval
St Josephs 1st Innings 151
Newtown & Chilwell 1st Innings

P McKenna c J Casey b R Simmonds.....51
T Winckus b R Simmonds.....12
T Meredith b J O'Donoghue.....6
A Bain not out.....59
R Mckenna not out.....14
Sundries (7nb 6b).....13
Three wickets for.....155
Fall: 29, 39, 107.
Bowling: T Smith 16-1-40-0, B Purcell 6.5-1-31-0, R Simmonds 14-6-23-2, J O'Donoghue 12-4-30-1, A Casey 5-0-18-0, M McMullan 2-0-7-0.
Overs: 55.5.
Newtown & Chilwell won.

LARA v EAST BELMONT
at Lara Reserve / Bisinella Oval
Lara 1st Innings 135
East Belmont 1st Innings

S McNamara c C Young b D Blatherwick.....0
D Hegarty c D Blatherwick b C Young.....1
J Lacey c C Young b D Hughes.....47
L Inglis c D Hughes b C Young.....7
W Hiser c&b D Hughes.....28
S O'Neill c? b D Blatherwick.....16
L Haberfield c ?b C Young.....7
J McMahon not out.....8
J Jenkins not out.....9
Sundries (2w 4nb 6b 2lb).....14
Seven wickets for.....137
Bowling: D Blatherwick 26-6-43-2, C Young 14.4-5-25-3, D Hughes 20-13-21-2, R Pehar 6-1-13-0, B Ash 3-0-12-0, D Weigl 5-0-14-0, K Marum 2-1-1-0, R Sodomaco 1-1-0-0.
Overs: 77.4.
East Belmont won.

HIGTHON v GROVEDALE
at McDonald Resere 1 (Belmont)
Highton 1st Innings 160
Grovedale 1st Innings

J Alsop c Z Wills b N McCoach.....21
R Smith c L Campbell b F Neeson.....17
S Coutts st L Campbell b F Neeson.....1
A Quarrell c N McCoach b F Neeson.....0
B Engelen-Baker st L Campbell b F Neeson.....0
J Wrigglesworth c N Viney b E Burns.....45
J Winckus c B Somers b E Burns.....29
B Sykes c J Cook b F Neeson.....8
M McNeelc B Somers b N McCoach.....0
C Ford not out.....11
N Harper not out.....14
Sundries (1w 1nb 3lb 5b).....10
Nine wickets for.....156
Fall: 42, 44, 44, 44, 44, 110, 125, 129, 129.
Bowling: N McCoach 18-5-45-2, N Viney 15-3-30-0, F Neeson 26-8-52-5, B Somers 1-0-9-0, E Burns 4-1-12-2.
Overs: 64.
Highton won.

SOUTH BARWON v NORTH GEELONG
at South Barwon Reserve / Reynolds Oval
South Barwon 1st Innings 104
North Geelong 1st Innings 1 (dec)-143
South Barwon 2nd Innings

M Dawson c C Balshaw b T Webster.....10
B Nicholls b T Mathieson.....0
Fill-in c C Balshaw b B Apps.....1
L Lorenzen c&b T Mathieson.....12
N Butters lbw T Mathieson.....6
S Ellis c T Mathieson b L McCann.....42
J George c C Balshaw b D Kerr.....4
A Ross not out.....20
B Haueresten not out.....0
Sundries (1nb 2lb).....3
Seven wickets for.....98
Fall: 3, 5, 31, 37, 47, 98.
Bowling: T Mathieson 13-4-22-3, B Apps 5-0-11-1, D Kerr 10-3-14-1, T Webster 7-3-13-1, A McCann 7-4-20-0, M Troy 6-3-12-0, L McCann 0.5-0-4-1.
Overs: 48.5.
South Barwon won.

GCA 1 2nd XI: St Josephs 154 d by Newtown & Chilwell 7-156 (C Winch 41 J Lewis 36 C Port 2-43 A Humphrey 2-49), East Belmont 224 d Lara 185 (A Smart 129no B Scown 10 M Miller 3-20 D Boyd 2-23), Highton 179 d Grovedale 171 (N Berry 42 K Ford 37 H Burns 4-54 J Conway 2-24), South Barwon 152 d by North Geelong 3-156 (X Norman 50no C Hangan 34no J Price 1-23 F Russell 1-23).

GCA 1 3rd XI: Newtown & Chilwell 196 d St Josephs 6-184 (R Raveendrampillai 10 5no C McFarlane 18 J Gordon 2-43 B Twaddle 2-68), East Belmont 8 (dec)-237 v Lara (abandoned), Highton 186 (B Casey 3-24 A Bennett 3-38) d by Grovedale 8-187 (G Kelson 43 B Casey 37no), South Barwon 9 (dec)-203 d North Geelong 8-163 (J Smith 48 T Gasper 21 G Whelan 3-38 A Vekariya 2-45).

GCA 1 4th XI: Newtown & Chilwell 7 (dec)-285 d St Josephs 9-200 (S Gardiner 74 t Clark 25 J Hastie 4-44 J White 3-33), Lara 145 d East Belmont 144 (T Ollis 43 S Field 17 L Milinkovic 6-28 M Caldow 3-36), Grovedale 279 d Highton 6-184 (O Melville 3-38 T Driscoll 3-42), South Barwon 2 37 (D Brockett 87 M Sayburn 28 A Jain 4-36 C Millard 3-55) d by North Geelong 8-258 (L Price 136 A Jain 39 D Johnson 4-58 L Read 3-14).

GCA DIVISION 2

RD 10
MARSHALL BEARS v TORQUAY
at South Barwon Reserve / Lawn Addicts Oval
Torquay 1st Innings 227
Marshall Bears 1st Innings

J Hilton b A Russell.....20
J Burns c A Russell b T Dunn.....45
W Sleene c R Wood b T Dunn.....16
L Cameron b T Dunn.....8
S Blythe c D O'Brien b A Russell.....10
S Singh Ramgathia b D O'Brien.....17
L Smith lbw T Dunn.....0
T Cameron c D O'Brien b T Dunn.....0
L Falvey T Emmerson b T Dunn.....28
L Vaughan not out.....10
L Giuffrida run out T Dunn.....1
Total.....155
Fall: 65, 65, 74, 89, 105, 105, 107, 136, 151, 155.
Bowling: D O'Brien 8-4-14-1, G Singh 15.2-3-33-0, T Dunn 19-6-33-6, A Russell 20-7-31-2, J Sullivan 3-1-15-0, T Hill 10-1-28-0.
Overs: 75.2.
Torquay won.

LEOPOLD v BELL POST HILL
at Leopold Memorial Park 1
Bell Post Hill 1st Innings 180
Leopold 1st Innings

L Philp lbw b Muir.....48
M Kenneady b B Muir.....21
T Treble c M Reid b D Naralasetti.....63
C Ogle not out.....16
J Vallelonga not out.....29
Sundries (4lb 3b).....7
Three wickets for.....184.
Fall: 40, 116, 142.
Bowling: R Nolan 7-1-33-0, L Horan 12-4-25-0, M Perera 16-7-44-0, B Muir 11-2-38-2, D Walsh 6-2-16-0, D Naralasetti 10-3-21-1.
Overs: 27.
Leopold won.

GEELONG WEST v GEELONG CITY
at West Oval
Geelong City 1st Innings 93
Geelong West 1st Innings

K Spence c A Brogden b J Parrot.....0
N Craven-Briggs lbw J Parrot.....8
A Wiffen lbw J Parrot.....37
A Buckwell c ? b H Collins.....14
J Muraca c M Cherry b H Collins.....8
T Spence b H Collins.....26
K Hatton c A Evans b M Cherry.....3
R reddy Lankireddy lbw H Collins.....13
S Manivaer Dhulipudi not out.....1
S Kelly not out.....0
Sundries (4w 1nb 3lb 7b).....15
Eight wickets for.....125
Fall: 9, 18, 49, 71, 85, 102, 124, 125.
Bowling: J Leather 4-2-12-0, J Parrot 14-4-34-3, M Cherry 16-7-26-1, H Collins 13-2-28-4, M McGlade 4-1-15-0.
Overs: 51.
Geelong West won.

ST. PETERS v MURGHEBOLUC
at Herne Hill Reserve / Walker Oval
Murgheboluc 1st Innings 141
St. Peters 1st Innings

M Sorgiovanni not out.....53
B Mc Master c T Barter b L Brown.....21
J Stokes lbw N Tucker.....26
L Ford c C Butterworth b L Webb.....12
W Ford not out.....36
Sundries (4lb 6b).....10
Three wickets for.....158
Fall: 32, 78, 101.
Bowling: T Barter 9-0-30-0, S Hutley 10-1-24-0, L Webb 12-4-35-1, L Brown 8-3-23-1, O Dunipace 3-0-21-0, N Tucker 7-2-12-1, B Brown 2-0-3-0.
Overs: 51.
St. Peters won.

GCA 2 2nd XI: Torquay 9-218 (B Van Noort 133no J Fisher 30 B Sadler 3-45 C Morrissy Jnr 2-38) d Marshall Bears 168 (A Singh 51 5 reddy Chinthalavitta 31 J Gordon 2-15 M Miller 2-25), Bell Post Hill 236 d Leopold 4-101, Geelong West 137 d Geelong City 87 (H McGlone 27 F Holt 15 A McCutcheon 6-17 G Sathiluxman 1-7), St. Peters 6 (dec)-229 d Murgheboluc 8-108 (B Putt 29 M Grozdanoski 24 R East 3-17 T Green 2-26).

GCA 2 3rd XI: Torquay 129 d by Marshall Bears 3-131 (J Falvey 56no H Singh 37 J Young 1-6 J Timms 1-25), Bell Post Hill 8 (dec)-363 d Leopold 4-143 (N Hughes 48 Fill-in 44), Geelong West 227 d by Geelong City 5-232 (J Saltalamacchia 103 A Sodomaco 36no B Lynch 2-61 J Allen 1-28 T Ratnayake 1-28), Murgheboluc 117 d by St. Peters 6-157 (M Swan 58no J Logan 22 X Lindsay 4-41 G Tobin 1-10).

GCA DIVISION 3

RD 10
MANIFOLD HEIGHTS v THOMSON
at Harold Hurst Reserve / Caldwell Oval
Thomson 1st Innings 9 (dec)-320
Manifold Heights 1st Innings

E Mills lbw X Dew.....2
D Tom b S Cowley.....4
D Juricic b X Dew.....0
N Pearce lbw S Dew.....13
K Dowie c A Burley b S Cowley.....6
M Bartlett lbw S Dew.....22
M Mbofana b S Dew.....19
B Strachan b S Dew.....2
A Looker b G Dew.....16
S Calder lbw S Dew.....10
A Percy not out.....1
Sundries (6nb 4lb 1b).....11
Total.....106
Bowling: X Dew 9-2-21-2, S Cowley 15-2-38-2, A Bliss 10-3-18-0, S Dew 10.5-5-19-5, G Dew 7-4-4-1, L Willcox 2-1-1-0.
Overs: 53.5.
Thomson won.

CORIO v ALEXANDER THOMSON
at Corio Cricket Club / VicTech Oval
Corio 1st Innings 239
Alexander Thomson 1st Innings

J Mundy c C Hood b T Laurie.....0
J Thornton c S Bremner b D Shelley.....53
J Macpherson c C Laurie b D Shelley.....3
T Hewson b T Laurie.....1
B Forssman b B Coon.....14
J Dubbeldam not out.....45
N Harvey c B Coon b C Laurie.....14
R Symes c A Grace b T Laurie.....24
D Hewson not out.....0
Sundries (4nb 8lb 2b).....14
Seven wickets for.....168
Fall: 6, 16, 17, 53, 86, 116, 157.
Bowling: T Laurie 14-8-14-3, B Coon 5-1-12-1, D Shelley 12-4-30-2, H Lewis 14-6-22-0, M Grace 10-3-30-0, A Grace 11-4-24-0, S Bremner 3-1-6-0, C Laurie 8-5-9-1, J Stacey 3-0-11-0.
Overs: 80.
Corio won.

BELL PARK v BANNOCKBURN
at Hamlyn Park 1
Bannockburn 1st Innings 9 (dec)-207
Bell Park 1st Innings

J Andrews c J Davies b J Jervies.....0
K Craven b J Jervies.....10
H Jamieson lbw F Peel.....29
S Lymer b F Peel.....3
J Spiller not out.....60
L Turner not out.....100
Sundries (2w 5lb 11b).....18
Four wickets for.....220
Fall: 0, 23, 49, 60.
Bowling: J Jervies 13-4-37-2, T Hay 6-1-28-0, D Foran 6.1-2-22-0, J Davies 12-4-29-0, F Peel 12-2-44-2, L Osborne 3-0-21-0, H Vivian 4-0-23-0.
Overs: 56.1.
Bell Park won.

ST ALBANS BREAKWATER v MODEWARRE
at St Albans Reserve
St Albans Breakwater 1st Innings 342
Modewarre 1st Innings

Sundries (3lb).....3
Total.....111
Bowling: J Spalding 15-8-26-2, S Keys 8-1-20-0, M Gorman 11-6-23-2, C Hester 17.3-8-26-5, J Burke 3-1-13-0.
Overs: 55.3.

Modewarre 2nd Innings

One wicket for.....21
Bowling: J Spalding 4-2-4-0, J Burke 4-1-6-0, J Kelly 2-0-3-0, C Hester 2-0-4-0, P Sharma 0.5-0-4-1.
Overs: 12.5.
St Albans Breakwater won.

GCA 3 2nd XI: Thomson 207 (B Cameron 78 E Charles 44 J Paul Devasia 2-12 A Sharad Shrainwad 2-28) d Manifold Heights 153 (J White 68no J Thomas John 34 A Petterwood 4-19 J Davies 3-38), Corio 148 d by Alexander Thomson 1-151 (C Larsen 63no J Beecham 48 b Nicholson 1-27), Bannockburn 157 (T Weber 40 B Rathje 29 H Oreb 3-47 M Robbins 2-32) tied Bell Park 157 (A Blake 47 R Bodley 28 R Box-Tweedly 4-17 K Marshall 4-42), St Albans Breakwater 183 d by Modewarre 8-188 (J Fazio 30 D Prigg 27 J Warwick 4-51 J Paul 2-29).

GCA DIVISION 4

RD 13
(One Day)
LETHBRIDGE v WAURN PONDS DEAKIN
at Lethbridge Recreation Reserve, Oval 1
Lethbridge 1st Innings

P Dillon c B Thompson b M Lester.....28
S Giles not out.....15
S Dillon c K Pathan b S Jay.....0
R Giles lbw S Jay.....13
J Sheehan c N Phillips b J Ellis.....33
H Spiller c K Pathan b S Jay.....3
J Sorgiovanni b D Haturusingha.....0
D Stander b D Haturusingha.....2
R Stone b S Jay.....24
B Turner c T Oakley b M Lester.....6
T Parsons b M Lester.....0
Sundries (6lb 7w).....13
Total.....137
Fall: 0, 63, 63, 63, 64, 70, 72, 89, 94, 137.
Bowling: T Oakley 8-0-40-0, G Lamba 3-0-12-0, D Haturusingha 9-2-18-2, J Ellis 5.1-1-30-1, M Lester 9-1-25-3, S Jay 9-5-6-4.
Overs: 43.

Waurn Ponds Deakin 1st Innings

J Ellis c D Stander b S Giles.....7
S Rajaratnam c H Spiller b S Giles.....32
T Oakley c S Dillon b H Spiller.....17
D Haturusingha lbw S Dillon.....25
M Lester not out.....10
K Pathan c D Stander b S Dillon.....5
N Phillips b J Sheehan.....10
S Jay not out.....3
J Thomson run out.....5
G Lamba c J Sorgiovanni b J Sheehan.....10
B Thomson c S Giles b H Spiller.....1
Sundries (3lb 8w 2nb).....13
Nine wickets for.....138
Fall: 7, 11, 22, 31, 84, 84, 105, 118, 124.
Bowling: J Sheehan 8.5-3-17-2, R Stone 8-0-32-0, H Spiller 8-1-23-2, S Dillon 9-2-31-2, B Turner 4-0-13-0, S Giles 6-0-19-2.
Overs: 44.
Waurn Ponds Deakin won.

MEREDITH v NEWCOMB & DISTRICT
at Meredith Recreation Reserve, Pioneer Park
Newcomb & District 1st Innings

C Egan c C Milne b D Furness.....26
D Harrison c T Bott b A Hart.....74
J Dolby c T Bott b S Altmeier.....2
B Miles lbw S Altmeier.....12
S Nowicki c D Measures b S Altmeier.....3
E Starciuc c A Hart b C Milne.....23
J Halliday c S Altmeier b A Hart.....17
L Parker c D Furness b A Hart.....7
D Webber c J Harris b C Milne.....5
B Jones not out.....7
J Paley not out.....4
Sundries (13w 3nb).....16
Nine wickets for.....196
Fall: 41, 67, 115, 121, 142, 171, 179, 184, 187.
Bowling: K Hart 1-0-5-0, S Altmeier 7-0-21-3, J Hart 9-1-37-0, D Furness 9-1-23-1, A Hart 6-0-31-3, D Richardson 1-0-6-0, C Milne 9-0-54-2, J Harris 3-0-19-0.
Overs: 45.

Meredith 1st Innings

A Hart lbw D Webber.....42
D Richardson c B Jones b C Egan.....0
T Bott lbw J Paley.....69
D Measures b D Harrison.....6
J Hart c B Miles b D Harrison.....7
Z Whykes lbw D Harrison.....0
C Milne c D Webber b D Harrison.....0
S Altmeier b E Starciu.....8
D Furness b C Egan.....0
K Hart not out.....13
J Harris b C Egan.....1
Sundries (1b 12w 5nb).....18
Total.....164
Fall: 4, 93, 102, 131, 131, 131, 145, 147, 159, 164.
Bowling: C Egan 7.4-1-30-3, D Webber 6-1-23-1, J Paley 6-1-17-1, D Harrison 9-1-35-4, L Parker 3-0-24-0, E Starciu 8-1-34-1.
Overs: 40.
Newcomb & District won.

GUILD ST. MARYS v TEESDALE
at Frier Reserve
Guild St. Marys 1st Innings

J Bhatt b D Cumming.....43
D Singh b D Cumming.....38
C Patel c P Hassan b L Selkrig.....48
A Choudhary c D Cumming b R Kennedy.....29
T Singh c P Hassan b L Selkrig.....30
V Ramesh run out.....1
P Chouhan c P Hassan b L Selkrig.....18
G Randhawa c D Cumming b B McPoyle.....18
S Singh not out.....1
G Singh not out.....2
Sundries (1b 3lb 43w 2nb).....49
Eight wickets for.....277
Fall: 72, 97, 184, 218, 220, 237, 268, 274.
Bowling: R Kennedy 9-0-71-1, L Warnock 4-0-22-0, P Hassan 5-0-29-0, D Cumming 9-0-53-2, B McPoyle 8-1-49-1, J Sellars 5-1-17-0, L Selkrig 5-0-32-3.
Overs: 45.

Teesdale 1st Innings

M Watts c J Bhatt b G Singh.....24
P Hassan lbw G Singh.....22
D Cumming c D Singh b J Bhatt.....21
S Patter c T Singh b P Chouhan.....24
L Selkrig run out S Singh.....15
L Warnock c V Ramesh b S Singh.....0
P Warnock c G Randhawa b J Bhatt.....44
P W Fisher lbw J Bhatt.....5
R Kennedy b A Choudhary.....2
B McPoyle not out.....4
J Sellars not out.....4
Sundries (4b 2lb 6w).....12
Nine wickets for.....177
Fall: 48, 51, 80, 107, 114, 114, 133, 163, 169.
Bowling: J Bhatt 9-1-33-3, G Singh 9-3-28-2, S Singh 8-1-29-1, A Choudhary 4-0-17-1, P Chouhan 5-2-18-1, G Randhawa 5-1-18-0, A Sahi 5-0-28-0.
Overs: 45.
Guild St. Marys won.

LITTLE RIVER v NORTH SHORE SEAGULLS
at Little River Reserve
North Shore Seagulls 1st Innings

B Zilavec b R Chandran.....7
J Hargreaves b R Chandran.....0
C Whitehand lbw R Chandran.....0
J Doecee b H Bewley.....58
Z Wills c A Ullah b L Wright.....11
A Ford b R Shamimi.....10
S Doecee b L Wright.....7
A Brogden run out A Oates, D Robson.....7
B Love b R Chandran.....1
J Slee not out.....0
D Williams not out.....0
Sundries (2b 4lb 21w 2nb).....29
Nine wickets for.....130
Fall: 5, 8, 9, 27, 41, 93, 122, 125, 128.
Bowling: A Ullah 9-1-26-0, L Wright 9-0-22-2, R Shamimi 9-3-12-1, R Chandran 9-1-44-4, J Chandran 4-0-15-0, H Bewley 5-1-5-1.
Overs: 45.

Little River 1st Innings

A Ullah b J Doecee.....6
R Shamimi c J Doecee b Z Wills.....8
R Murphy not out.....49
J Tabor lbw J Doecee.....0
D Robson lbw J Doecee.....0
L Wright c Z Wills b A Brogden.....21
Z Uddin c B Zilavec b J Doecee.....20
R Chandran not out.....2
Sundries (2b 2lb 21w).....25
Six wickets for.....131
Fall: 16, 27, 37, 39, 76, 116.
Bowling: J Hargreaves 3-1-7-0, A Brogden 9-0-29-1, Z Wills 9-2-27-1, D Williams 1.1-0-11-0, J Slee 5-0-22-0, J Doecee 9-1-31-4.
Overs: 36.1.
Little River won.

GCA 4 2nd XI: Rd 13: (One Day): Lethbridge CC 6-198 (J Alford 52 J Giles 39 T McHarry 3-47 H Perry 1-25) d Waurn Ponds Deakin 115 (J Ray 20 Fill-in 2 0no R Harding 3-31 J Giles 2-21), Guild St. Marys 7-174 (T Lyons 75 C Macbryde 26 J Lefevre 3-44 O Campbell 2-38) d Teesdale 7-165 (J Lefevre 86 B Watts 22 V Yadav 3-14 Z Ullah 2-40), Little River 3-100 (A Oubridge-Egan 62no H Judd 24 S Foran 2-10 M Wills 1-20) d North Shore Seagulls 99 (M Wills 22 S Foran 16 G Bartlett 4-27 A Cartwright 3-18), Newcomb & District CC 7-137 (M Sehajpal 39 J Elliott 32 C Boer 3-27 S Vaartjes 2-15) d Meredith CC 128 (W Young 49 A Harding 31 D Wootton 6-9 J Baker 1-14).

GCA SENIOR MEN ODI

RD 10
Shelford Bullants First XI 5-117 (B Delorenzo 39no J Butcher 24 S Madanan Pillai 2-14 T Walker 1-13) d Newcomb & District CC 3rds 9-100 (D O'Leary 38 J Ritchie 11 D Kocherhans 3-20 W Green 1-7), Lethbridge CC 3rd XI 5-241 (J Ower 50 D Harwood 50 A Strahan 2-28 D Fraser 2-36) d Little River 3rd XI 115 (N Kemp 36 H King 28 B Rivett 5-13 V Lothian 2-20), Bell Park 5th XI 6-239 (S Jonnalagadda 52 G Singh 50no R Ringwersen 2-34 A Sharma 2-48) d Waurn Ponds Deakin 3rd XI 4-227 (A Sharma 53 Z Asim 50 R Nandilkonda 1-21 G Singh 1-34).

SENIOR MEN ONE-DAY
RD 10
GCA1 5ths: East Belmont CC 5th XI 6-103 (A McSparron 31 P McMahon 25 E Phillips 3-24 A Cooper 1-10) d St. Peters 5th XI 100 (W Tamassy 40 P Muller 13 J Timbedale 5-22 S Harper 3-11), Newtown & Chilwell CC 5th XI 6-248 (G Whiteside 52 B Harmon 51 A Lourey 2-17 T Slater 2-68) d St Josephs CC 5th XI 135 (C Lourey 38no M Johnson 35 H Meaney 3-18 R Wardle 2-10), North Geelong CC 5th XI 4-216 (M Elliott 51 B Troy 50 S Farnsworth 1-22 J Walters 1-27) d South Barwon 5th XI 215 (S Farnsworth 55 I Saunders 52no P Mckee 4-23 W Holland 3-37), Highton CC 5th XI v Grovedale 5th XI (no result provided).

GCA1 6ths: Grovedale 6th XI v Highton CC 6th XI (abandoned), St Josephs CC 6th XI 4-153 (S Cannon 50 Fill-in 44 J Sohail 2-45 P Gajjar 1-20) d Guild St Marys 5th XI 8-152 (D Middleton 50 U Ikram 33 R Lennon 4-23 I Shannon 2-18), Geelong West 5ths 223 (T McKenzie 56 S Runcle 51no N Krig 6-38 A Sayeed Md Nasif 3-29) d East Belmont CC 6th XI (N Krig 55 A Sayeed Md Nasif 39), South Barwon 6th XI 2-122 (J Parker 1-10 B Parker 1-10) d Lara CC 5ths 6-121 (D Faulkner 40 S Nash 23 Z Johnson 2 3no).

GCA3 3rds: Thomson 3rd XI 2-67 (A Wray 30no B Macleod 23 A Shinde 2-3 M Schulz 1-12) d Manifold Heights 3rd XI 66 (N Razia-Stewart 15 S Young 12 R Cambridge 5-20 A Wray 3-8), Modewarre 3rd XI 5-194 (C Rashleigh 51 A Bowd 50rd M Vanderpol 2-17 D Robinson 1-37) d St Albans Breakwater 3rd XI 144 (M Vanderpol 51 D Robinson 32 B Andrews 4-17 P Barry 4-31), Bannockburn CC 3rd XI 193 (K Zonneveld 38 N Christensen 30 C Bell 4-31 S Sharman 2-11) d Bell Park 3rd XI 107 (S Sharman 26 K Wallace 22 J Moreland 4-18 A Travers 3-26), Alexander Thomson 3rd XI 3-145 (M Jafar Ali Khan 1-8 K Grzybek 1-25) d Corio 3rd XI 143 (T Van Halen 52no J Hall 37).

GCA2 4ths: Geelong City 4ths 5-195 (D Wilson 50 J Ajithkumar 39 J Williams 3-39 Fill-in 1-27) d Geelong West OD GCA2 4ths 177 (J O'Connor 57 A Naclerio 33 N Grimmer 4-44 M Dekker 3-15), St. Peters 4th XI 7-198 (A Ford 50 A McArthur 43 A Sharma 4-18 S Deol 1-23) d Guild St Marys 3rd XI 155 (M Pullarkatayil Mathew 48no A Sharma 36 A Ford 5-13 D Knight 2-50), Corio Bay 2nd XI v Leopold 4th XI (no result provided), Torquay Fourth XI 9-195 (D Sheers 54no N Sullivan 42) d Marshall Bears 4th XI 156 (T Blake 3-19 H Sullivan 3-24).

GCA3 4ths: South Barwon 7th XI 5-217 (C Peake 52 B Brandon 50 C Gillett 3-42 Fill-in 2-48) d Alexander Thomson 4th XI 6-118 (C Gillett 32no T Johnson 32 M Kahn 2-15 A Rehman 1-17), Guild St Marys 4th XI 191 (P Stirling 52 J Fulton 52no L Varghese 4-24 J Tuite 3-24) d Manifold Heights 4th XI 174 (G Tuite 40 J Altimari 39 N Sluggett 2-22 N Kelly 2-29), Bell Park 4th XI 8-137 (M Gaglani 42 T Zdybel 3 3 J Power 2-13 T Knight 2-14) d Bannockburn CC 4th XI 9-119 (T Sager 38 G Ballantine 2 5 T Zdybel 3-16 J Stapleton 3-23), Seagulls 3rds 102 (B Bell 3-24 B Bell 3-24 L Hodge 2-6) d Marshall Bears 5th XI 0-105 (Fill-in 44 ret no L Waldron 32no).

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RD 10
A1 GRADE (R Warren Shield)
QUEENSCLIFF v ARMSTRONG CREEK
at Queenscliff Recreation Reserve
Queenscliff 1st Innings

L Stott c A Morgan b L Mulgrew.....1
D Stott st A Morgan b D Maclean.....23
M Potter c ? b D Maclean.....29
F Mileto c ? b S Stoneley.....8
K Leathem c ? b B Fary.....19
O Skurtic c ? b D Maclean.....16
J Monahan b B Fary.....2
T Bakker not out.....18
P Mileto not out.....5
Sundries (5b 6lb 1w 1nb).....13
Seven wickets for.....134
Fall: 2, 44, 66, 77, 95, 101, 120.
Bowling: J Maclean 6-0-27-0, L Mulgrew 6-1-14-1, D Maclean 8-3-23-3, J Robertson 4-0-16-0, S Stoneley 8-2-18-1, B Fary 8-1-25-2.
Overs: 40.

Armstrong Creek 1st Innings

C Marsiglio c ? b M Potter.....14
C Mulgrew lbw L Adam.....40
B Fary c ? b M Potter.....9
M Kennedy b M Potter.....2
A Trevean c ? b L Stott.....14
J Maclean c ? b L Stott.....6
S Stoneley st D Stott b L Stott.....10
D Maclean not out.....18
A Morgan run out.....10
J Robertson run out.....6
L Mulgrew not out.....1
Sundries (1b 11b 2w 1nb).....5
Nine wickets for.....135
Fall: 35, 63, 66, 72, 83, 97, 102, 118, 126.
Bowling: M Potter 8-1-25-3, J Monahan 8-1-27-0, T Hamelin 8-1-29-0, L Stott 8-1-21-3, L Adam 7.2-1-31-1.
Overs: 39.2.
Armstrong Creek won.

BARRABOOL v OCEAN GROVE
at Ceres Recreation Reserve
Barrabool 1st Innings

J Purcell st S Fankhauser b A Mann.....24
M Kelson c F Long b B LeMaistre.....12
L Grigg c S Van Den Nouwland b A Mann.....30
D Grigg c&b A Mann.....17
E Morrison st S Fankhauser b A Mann.....1
J Fisher c S Fankhauser b M Thornton.....3
B Barnett lbw D Roddis.....9
J Jilnik c&b A Mann.....0
T Searle not out.....21
C Scott not out.....1
Sundries (11b 6w).....7
Eight wickets for.....125
Fall: 30, 42, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92, 111.
Bowling: B LeMaistre 4-0-14-1, M Thornton 4-0-17-1, A Mann 4-0-32-5, D Thorley 4-0-18-0, P Jubber 2-0-21-0, D Roddis 2-0-22-1.
Overs: 20.

Ocean Grove 1st Innings

F Long c L Grigg b B Greenwood.....2
S Fankhauser c L Grigg b E Morrison.....21
S Van Den Nouwland c L Grigg b E Morr

WINCHELSEA v SURFCOAST
at Eastern Reserve (Winchelsea)
Winchelsea 1st Innings

J Stephenson c B Tekin b C Roberts 0
M Partridge b H Butler 1
S Murdoch lbw C Roberts 10
A Korth lbw B Larkings 29
D Lenehan c ? b H Butler 3
R Ferguson not out 28
S Collins b L Hollis 1
B Calcicott b L Hollis 0
C Watson c ? b C Roberts 32
L Snow run out 15
T Hardy lbw D Zoch 0
Sundries (11w 1nb) 12
Total 131

Fall: 0, 4, 24, 30, 50, 58, 61, 98, 131, 131.

Bowling: B Larkings 7-2-24-1, L Hollis 7-1-23-2, C Roberts 7-0-31-3, H Butler 6-0-31-2, D Zoch 5.5-1-22-1.

Overs: 32.5.

Surfcoast 1st Innings

R Dawes c ? b R Ferguson 31
W Liddle c C Watson b M Partridge 14
R Healy lbw M Partridge 5
D Zoch c M Partridge b B Calcicott 3
H Ratnayake c D Lenehan b B Calcicott 2
C Roberts b B Calcicott 0
B Telen b B Calcicott 1
B Larkings run out C Watson 15
L Hollis b A Korth 34
H Butler run out 4
I Singh not out 3
Sundries (4b 2lb 3w) 9
Total 121

Fall: 30, 41, 45, 49, 58, 60, 60, 103, 116, 121.

Bowling: R Ferguson 7-0-23-1, S Murdoch 5.4-0-37-0, C Watson 7-1-22-0, B Calcicott 7-3-12-4, A Korth 1-0-10-1, M Partridge 7-1-11-2.

Overs: 34.4.

Winchelsea won.

DRYSDALE v ST. LEONARDS
at Drysdale Recreation Reserve
St. Leonards 1st Innings

B White b D Sykes 1
B Grumont c R Cutajar b D Sykes 9
D De silva run out L Wilson 75
K Nawagamuwa c L Wilson b D Sykes 6
T Griffin c L Campbell b X Jetson 50
J Jeffrey lbw M Fitzpatrick 0
J Burns not out 14
M Frankovic c J Malcolm b L Wilson 9
P Buckley run out M Fitzpatrick, X Jetson 1
A Ward c L Wilson b X Jetson 1
Fill-in not out 0
Sundries (6b 4lb 8w 3nb) 21
Nine wickets for 186

Fall: 2, 28, 47, 155, 155, 156, 181, 184, 186.

Bowling: M Fitzpatrick 6-0-28-1, L Campbell 2-0-16-0, B Dobbin 8-0-34-0, D Sykes 8-1-21-3, L Wilson 6-1-27-1, C Chisholm 4-0-12-0, X Jetson 6-0-38-2.

Overs: 40.

Drysdale 1st Innings

A Spengler b A Ward 48
J Malcolm b B White 55
L Wilson c K Nawagamuwa b A Ward 0
N Hallam c ? b A Ward 4
C Chisholm run out B White 10
X Jetson run out K Nawagamuwa 2
R Cutajar b K Nawagamuwa 10
M Fitzpatrick b B White 10
B Dobbin not out 7
L Campbell lbw J Burns 0
D Sykes not out 1
Sundries (6b 3lb 3w 1nb) 13
Nine wickets for 160

Fall: 80, 80, 96, 118, 122, 127, 139, 153, 154.

Bowling: K Nawagamuwa 1-0-4-1, D De silva 8-1-25-0, A Ward 8-1-19-3, B White 8-1-31-2, J Burns 7-1-43-1, T Griffin 8-1-29-0.

Overs: 40.

St. Leonards won.

B1 GRADE: (G Malcolm Shield): Ocean Grove 2nd XI 6-161 (L Morrison 35 A Arnold 33 C Findlay 4-38 C Foot 1-24) d Barrabool 2nd XI 126 (N Findlay 30 S Stevens 28 R Rutley 3-8 C Byron 2-25), Jan Juc 2nd XI 3-110 (I Priest 53 I Lygo 41no B Spencer 1-13 H Eddy 1-20) d Drysdale 2nd XI 108 (T Jones 37 A Millard 13 I Priest 5-15 S Fitzgerald 2-19), Anglesea 2nd XI 7-166 (D Cooper 58 A Poulton 52 J Borg 2-34 C Cox 1-14) d Barwon Heads 2nd XI 8-133 (M Surace 33 M Moulton 24 J McGuane 2-17 J Findlay 2-19), Armstrong Creek 2nd XI 169 (S Trenorden 100 B Smith 17 P Vyas 4-23 C Roberts 2-44) d Portarlington 2nd XI 134 (D Duff 45 T Dewey 18 J Beasley 3-37 R Stoneley 2-15).

B2 GRADE: (R Menzies Shield): Barwon Heads 3rd XI 6-265 (M Howard 54 S Allender 3 0 P Gray 3-35 A Gray 2-40) d Winchelsea 2nd XI 154 (J Gray 26 A Gray 26 O Irwin 3-8 M Bode 1-12), Wallington 2nd XI 4-170 (M Shipsides 77 M Occhipinti 61no P Wursthorn 2-40 H Wingrave 1-14) d Collendina 2nd XI 169 (C Thompson 47 R Peters 47 D Palmer 6-26 L Roebuck-Stewart 1-13), Drysdale 3rd XI v Queenscliff 2nd XI (no result provided).

C1 GRADE: (D Everett Shield): Queenscliff 3rd XI 9-211 (M Pratt 42 J Sagor 36 D Reeves 5-25 C Pitfield 1-18) d Collendina 3rd XI 8-158 (C Atkins 39 C Mcgregor 26 M Pratt 4-32 B Bullock 1-7), Ocean Grove 3rd XI 7-245 (O Corby 98 B Hanson 66 R Werner 2-18 L Brown 2-32) d Barrabool 3rd XI 7-191 (L Brown 65 T Mulcahy 46 W Finn 2-42 M Bellingham 2-54), Armstrong Creek 3rd XI 4-108 (S Evans 56 N Mayavel 19no C Mcsween 1-5 F Yates 1-15) d Barwon Heads 4th XI 5-104 (M Moulton 38 T Mason 24 S Svoboda 2-14 R Kalathur 2-19), St. Leonards 2nd XI 3-166 (N Kyrou 68 G Henderson 42 no A Morgan 2-37 B Dixon 1-20) d Anglesea 3rd XI 7-161 (G Hartlock 70 B Dixon 33 M Grills 3-22 D Pepyat 3-22), Jan Juc 3rd XI 6-230 (D Jordan 59 B Grant 44no) d Portarlington 3rd XI 7-222 (J Wood 96 C Dunne 40no A Rafferty 2-17 B Grant 2-49).

ONE DAY COMP: (C Trewin Shield): Anglesea 4th XI 6-224 (M Harper 106 G Dodkins 72no J Nessel 2-24 L Belsar-LeBel 2-33) d Ocean Grove 4th XI 9-89 (B Borci 20 H Larsen 12 Z Firth 3-15 M Harper 2-8), Barwon Heads 5th XI 6-124 (J Flynn 30no M Bell 25 A Bassett 2-13 M Crocker 1-14) d Jan Juc 4th XI 8-122 (M Fox 42 T Burgess 24no N Mayes 3-21 S O'Leary 2-22), Drysdale 5th XI 6-160 (M Gordon 58no Fill-in 39) d Armstrong Creek 4th XI 8-148 (S Tebble 56 T Shanclley 27), Queenscliff 4th XI d Collendina 4th XI (ff), Surfcoast 2nd XI v Wallington 4th XI (no result provided), Wallington 3rd XI 8-209 v Newcomb 2nd XI 3-208.

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BWCC - T20
RD 10
A GRADE
ST JOSEPHS v NGCC
at St. Josephs College (Geelong), Zampatti Oval
NGCC 1st Innings

A Jones b A Huby 11
P Sadler c L Tubb b M Connell 11
M Megaw b M Connell 0
C Smith b M Connell 2
L Kelly b A Huby 6
M Schaller c R Flett b A Huby 7
H Jones c R Flett b C Sheedy 1
J Stewart b A Osborne 15
M Chapman run out A Huby, L Gummer 3
C Reid not out 8
N Millard not out 0
Sundries (4b 3lb 12w) 19
Nine wickets for 83

Fall: 28, 28, 32, 42, 55, 56, 56, 66, 76.

Bowling: C Sheedy 2-0-9-1, A Huby 4-0-14-3, A Croft 3-0-20-0, P Knight 2-0-9-0, R Flett 1-0-7-0, A Osborne 4-1-10-1, M Connell 4-0-7-3.

Overs: 20.

St Josephs 1st Innings

R Flett b M Schaller 1
P Knight st A Jones b M Schaller 3
L Tubb not out 31
A Croft b I Hanna-Phillips 3
J Johnston b M Megaw 32
A Osborne c&b J Stewart 1
S Guy not out 3
Sundries (4b 4w 3nb) 11
Five wickets for 85

Fall: 1, 8, 25, 71, 76.

Bowling: M Schaller 2-2-0-2, I Hanna-Phillips 2-0-11-1, N Millard 2-0-19-0, J Stewart 3-1-9-1, M Megaw 3-0-20-1, C Reid 4-0-17-0, M Chapman 0.5-0-5-0.

Overs: 16.5.

St Josephs won.

HIGHTON DURRAN v EAST BELMONT DEB
at Winter Reserve 1
Highton Durran 1st Innings

J Burch b A Grinter 18
K De Alwis b C Gandolfo 0
M Greenhalgh b E Denney 1
V Udayashankar c B Gaylor b E Denney 0
J Newton b C Woodyard 0
T Sommerville not out 6
E Castle c E Denney b H Stansfield 2
A Ralph b B Gaylor 4
L Maiolo not out 0
Sundries (3b 9w 2nb) 14
Seven wickets for 45

Fall: 2, 7, 7, 17, 22, 26, 42.

Bowling: C Gandolfo 4-0-7-1, C Woodyard 2-0-2-1, A Grinter 2-0-7-1, B Gaylor 4-1-4-1, E Denney 2-0-9-2, B Farey 2-1-1-0, H Stansfield 2-1-2-1, M Lee 2-0-10-0.

Overs: 20.

East Belmont Deb 1st Innings

C Woodyard c K De Alwis b L Maiolo 7
B Farey not out 30
B Gaylor not out 1
Sundries (7w 2nb) 9
One wicket for 47

Fall: 44.

Bowling: K De Alwis 2-0-9-0, E Castle 2-0-17-0, J Newton 3-0-8-0, L Maiolo 0.2-0-4-1, V Udayashankar 2-0-9-0.

Overs: 9.3.

East Belmont Deb won.

LETHBRIDGE v BARWON HEADS
at Lethbridge Recreation Reserve, Oval 1
Lethbridge 1st Innings

C Hollawell b S Don 4
C Connors b C McSween 0
G Connors c B Gilham b A Sproule 2
T Firman c E Allen b C McSween 0
J FitzGerald b C McSween 5
C Harwood c&b A Sproule 1
S Hickey b C McSween 0
B Lynch c J Johnston b B Gilham 0
S Smith c E Allen b C McSween 3
S Whitfield run out J Johnston 1
R Wood not out 19
Sundries (3w 5nb) 8
Total 43

Fall: 5, 9, 21, 21, 23, 31, 40, 40, 40, 43.

Bowling: R Osborne 1-0-6-0, C Charles 1-0-4-0, C McSween 3-1-5-5, S Don 4-0-8-1, A Sproule 3-1-3-2, B Gilham 3-0-9-1, K Patoe-Hodges 3-0-8-0.

Overs: 18.

Barwon Heads 1st Innings

J Johnston lbw S Smith 18
K Patoe-Hodges not out 16
E Allen not out 2
Sundries (1b 2w 5nb) 8
One wicket for 44

Fall: 38.

Bowling: E Bounds 1-0-5-0, G Connors 3-0-11-0, S Smith 4-0-8-1, C Hollawell 1-0-6-0, S Whitfield 1-0-4-0, R Wood 4-1-9-0.

Overs: 13.

Barwon Heads won.

B GRADE
GEELONG CITY SHARKS v NGCC
at Eastern Park 5, (Hickinbotham Oval)
NGCC 1st Innings

C Wight b E Meaney 5
N Murphy b B Summers 29
S Law b R Cox 3
A Lockwood b J O'Donnell 18
G Whitford-Price b J Beach 5
H Wirdt c R Cox b A Beach 1
L Emery not out 8
K Maneekin not out 8
Sundries (2b 5lb 22w 9nb) 38
Six wickets for 115

Fall: 16, 28, 63, 72, 84, 100.

Bowling: R Cox 3-0-24-1, J Beach 2-0-11-1, J O'Donnell 4-0-28-1, E Mdoney 4-0-15-1, B Summers 4-0-17-1, A Beach 3-0-13-1.

Overs: 20.

Geelong City Sharks 1st Innings

B Summers not out 52
R Cox b L Emery 0
M Rolfe b L Emery 2
T Kellar b L Emery 19
A Beach b L Emery 0
E Mdoney not out 5
Sundries (1b 26w 11nb) 38
Four wickets for 116

Fall: 14, 25, 100, 100.

Bowling: L Emery 3.3-0-18-4, S Murphy 3-0-20-0, H Wirdt 2-0-10-0, G Brajkovic 2-0-23-0, L Cavie 2-0-26-0, G Whitford-Price 2-0-18-0.

Overs: 14.3.

Geelong City Sharks won.

BARRABOOL v PORTARLINGTON
at Ceres Recreation Reserve
Barrabool 1st Innings

J Grigg b G McMahon 12
S Searle lbw I Dowie 0
J Neil not out 78
H Grigg not out 15
Sundries (3b 10w 14nb) 27
Two wickets for 132

Fall: 4, 25.

Bowling: G McMahon 4-0-24-1, E Chisholm 4-0-29-0, S Chisholm 4-0-31-0, O Hoskin 4-0-30-0, I Dowie 4-1-15-1.

Overs: 20.

Portarlington 1st Innings

G McMahon c V King b J Neil 31
O Hoskin b M McKenna 10
A Hansen run out J Grigg, V King 25
B Downey b J Neil 1
A Tabakovic not out 13
E Chisholm c&b P Grigg 6
K Hoskin not out 5
Sundries (1b 11b 1w 17nb) 20
Five wickets for 111

Fall: 23, 74, 82, 82, 100.

Bowling: M McKenna 1-0-11-1, H McDonald 3-1-7-0, J Neil 4-0-17-2, V King 4-0-22-0, S Sinclair 2-0-8-0, P Grigg 2-0-10-1, C Carnig 2-0-21-0, M Dow 2-0-13-0.

Overs: 20.

Barrabool won.

LARA v MURGHEBOLUC
at Lara Reserve 2
Murgheboluc 1st Innings

J Galle b L Heyward 2
P Wise ret not out 29
L Williams c&b B Smith 13
S Meyer run out M Hickey-Humble 40
C Klein not out 7
E Jondahl not out 1
Sundries (3b 7w 18nb) 28
Three wickets for 120

Fall: 3, 35, 117.

Bowling: J Simunitsch 1-0-8-0, J Heap 3-0-26-0, K Neuwert 4-0-26-0, E Wilson 4-0-25-0, B Smith 4-0-12-1, L Heyward 4-0-20-1.

Overs: 20.

Lara 1st Innings

B Smith b C Klein 2
H Arundell b S Meyer 9
J Heap b P Wise 4
K Neuwert not out 13
E Wilson b E Jondahl 17
L Heyward b P Wise 0
J Simunitsch not out 2
Sundries (1b 17w 12nb) 30
Five wickets for 77

Fall: 7, 22, 24, 65, 66.

Bowling: L Missen 1-0-4-0, E Jondahl 3-0-11-1, E King 3-0-14-0, P Wise 4-0-10-2, S Meyer 3-0-8-1, C Klein 4-0-14-1, J Galle 2-0-15-0.

Overs: 20.

Murgheboluc won.

C GRADE: Two Blues Navy 6-130 (S Meaney 50no M Gavin 18 T Woods 2-13 L Bubb 2-24) d Lethbridge CC 2nd XI 3-104 (T Woods 17 L Bubb 16no S Meaney 1-8 A Wedding 1-16), Wallington CC 1st XI 4-163 (C Ralph 49 S Kelsall 35 J Lister 2-18 J Croker 1-28) d Anglesea 2-126 (H Donoghue 48 N Taylor 22 H Eyles 1-10), St. Leonards 1st XI 3-126 (J Phillips 33no K Pepyat 27 L Derbyshire 2-27 L Neville 1-17) tied Bell Park Sheahan 1st XI 4-126 (M Robbins 33 D Airey 17 J Phillips 1-8 T Kyrou 1-22), Queenscliff 4-146 (J Fletcher 51 R Shapter 26 E Field 1-6 N Board 1-7) d East Belmont Razz 2-92 (G Kapoor 48no B O'Brien 8 S Monahan 1-20), Torquay 2-79 (P Zotti 37no L Hogan 26no J Jacobs 1-12 A Wellington 1-27) d Bannockburn CC 8-71 (R Shannahan 30 A Wellington 6no S Boak 2-5 T Ingham 2-11).

D GRADE: Armstrong Creek Orange 2-167 (M Marcola 30 E Lang 30 H Bitti 1-23 J Martin 1-36) d Collendina 1-113 (S Thomson 30 H Bitti 30 S Stoneley 1-18), Waurn Ponds Deakin 2-171 (J Breen 31 P McCormack 31 L Fapani 2-27 H Smith 0-9) d Geelong City Sharks 2-87 (L Fapani 13 K O'Donnell 12 P McCormack 1-6 Fill-in 1-6), Jan Juc CC 1st XI 2-73 (G Fogarty 30 S Peers 12 J Hunt 1-5 P Harcox 1-15) d Highton Navy 8-70 (C Hammond 15 K Trickett 13 A Maule 2-12 R Maule 2-14), Drysdale Lady LIZ 3-154 (L Sheehan 30 M Lugg 30 M Tabor 1-10 J Clark 1-27) d Alexander Thomson VicQueens 8-52 (G Wray 33 M Tabor 3no I Oliver 4-13 M Lugg 2-13).

E GRADE NORTH: Lara d Geelong West Whitten (ff), NGCC 5-96 (I De Graaff 27no D Mather 17no J Taylor 3-14 R Zoybel 2-10) d Bell Park Aldridge 3-95 (R Zoybel 31 J Hutchison 24 S Emery 1-13 K Lewis 1-16), Modewarre 2-116 (K McInnes 31 L Kahle 30 B Butler 30) d Bannockburn CC 7-57 (A Nunnaltis 22 P Weber 12 A Sewell 4-5 S Kennelly 1-3).

E GRADE SOUTH: Barwon Heads 3-98 (M Cole 19 Fill-in 18no J Pepyat 2-11) d St. Leonards 3-97 (J Pepyat 30 D Jennings 25 M Cole 1-13 M Perry 1-15), Thomson Tigers 0-63 (J Charles 19 ret no C J Mulligan 12no) d Wallington CC Green 5-58 (C J Mulligan 1-3 J Charles 1-6 Z Bell 1-6), St Joseph's 5-110 (S Friswell 32 M Cameron 13) d South Barwon 4-108 (M Cameron 2-8 A Taylor 1-10), Wallington CC Gold 6-120 (T Smith 33no H Haberman 30 ret no E Corry 2-8 J Vansomeren 1-7) v Armstrong Creek Navy 4-65 (in progress).

BOWLS

BANNOCKBURN: Wed Jan 10 - 2 bowl Triples (Sponsored by Jonathan Hepner Funerals) 11am: Winners: 3 equal team winners based on wins shots for and against and ends won - all on 88%: K Hocking I Wolfe R Bennett (s), L McInerney P Lalor P Adamson (s), R Kelly T Effenberger H Mitchell (s). Jackpot: No winner. Competition: G Quelilla M Devey P Lalor.

Thurs Jan 11 - Social Bowls 1pm: Winners: C Zimmer S Madden M Hughey G Quelilla (s). No runners-up. Jackpot: No winner.

Coming Events: Tues Jan 16 - Midweek Pennant resumes after Christmas Break. 10am. Thurs Jan 18 - Coaching 10.30am, Social Bowls 3pm, Pennant Practice and BBQ at completion of practice 5pm. Sat Jan 20 - Saturday Pennant resumes after Christmas Break, 1pm. Club events to be completed through the Christmas break where possible.

BELMONT: Fri Jan 12 - Mixed Bowls: Winners: G Stephens J England I Muir. Runners-up: B Stevens L Harrington.

Sat Jan 13 - Mixed Triples: Winners: G Dunston Gr Stephens L Butcher (s). Runners-up: I Marinovic J Smith L Claffey (s). Third: E Douglas L Sceney J Green (s). Consolation: I Muir I Morrbury P Cummins (s).

DRYSDALE: Thurs Jan 11 - Assembled Social Bowls (20 players 5 rinks): Winners: R Luxmoore J Caruana (s). Runners-up: K Lonergan G Codierelli (s). Consolation: D Lonergan K Steen (s).

Coming Events: A list is now up for next Thursday. Please contact Daniel Williams on 0450 496 970 or John McMahon on 0413 832 955. Our monthly 2 bowl triples is on Wed Jan 17 at 10am. Entries close at 3.30 on Tuesday afternoon for teams and draw to be finalised, $30 per team. Please contact Daniel Williams or John McMahon on the numbers above for further details.

GEELONG CEMENT: Fri Jan 12 - Mixed Assembled: Winners: G Pratt P Graham G Little. Runners-up: T Bottrell G Myers G Hutton.

Coming Events: Mon Jan 15 - Nominated Triples at 11am. Tues Jan 16 - Midweek Pennant at 10am. Fri Jan 19 - Mixed Assembled at 12:30pm.

Sat Jan 20 - Saturday Pennant at 10pm. Thurs Jan 25 - Pennant Practice from 4.30pm. Fri Jan 26 - Australia Day Mixed Assembled from 12.30pm. Wed Jan 31 - Men's Twilight at 5.30pm. Thurs Feb 15 - Norm Bond Family Night Triples at 5.30pm. New Members welcome.

GEELONG RSL - Thurs Jan 11 - 2 bowl Fours: Winners: V Steel N Salmon J Southern B Jennings (s) 78. Runners-up: R May B Matthews P Lee (s) 56. Competition: R McClure A Hanns C Walters.

Coming Events: Men's Club Singles Championship final will be played on Wed Jan 17 at 9.30am between Mr Richard Sinclair and Mr Peter Lee. Men's Veterans final will be played at the same time and date between Mr Gerry Mestrum and Mr Brian Jennings. Club members are encouraged to attend and support the finalists.

OCEAN GROVE: Thurs Jan 11 - Mixed Social Triples: Winners: R Barker B Brooks P Patterson (s). Runners-up: J Marchant J Witney P Entwistle (s). Consolation: D Tuddenham A Ryan J Le Cerf (s).

Sat Jan 13 - Social Bowls: Winners: R Wilkinson R Swan G Bowyer (s). Runners-up: G Glassford M Rogan R Hose (s). Consolation: M Brooks R Barker R Brooks T Warren (s).

Upcoming Events: Social bowls on Thursday 18th Jan at 12:30 pm. Names on Green sheet in the bowls office or phone 52 551662 between 09:00 and 10:30 on the day.

GOLF

BALYANG PAR 3: Fri Jan 12 - National Servicemen's comp (14 players): Gross: D Prentice 55 cb D Mufflet 55 H Turner 61 C Annett 61. Nett: D Mufflet 55-5-50, H Turner 61-10-51, C Annett 61-10-51. Hole in One: C Annett at 11th. NTP: 8th S Linnell, 9th D Prentice, 18th P Visser. Birdies 10.

Sat Jan 13 - Stroke (13 players): Gross: T Freeman 52 D Prentice 54 J Hargreaves 55 D Gibbon 56 C Hargreaves 57. Nett: D Prentice 54-2-52, T Freeman 52 +1 53, C Annett 63-9-54, J Hargreaves 55-0-55, D Gibbon 56-1-55. NTP: 9th F Upfill, 18th D Gibbon.

BANNOCKBURN: Midweek 7th-12th Jan - Stableford (20 players): P Borg (32) 41, M Doherty (15) 38.

Sat Jan 13 - Stroke (39 players): A: D Mohr (10) 68, M Doherty (15) 70 cb. B: P Lowe (22) 63, T Meville (26) 70. Magpie: Men 4th M Doherty. NTP: 3rd L Drew, 10th B Bentley. Golden Hole: 1st P Graham.

BARWON HEADS: Wed Jan 10 - Ramsay Cup: Boys: Scratch: E Boehag (2) 71, T Gross (9) 74. Girls: Scratch: C Collins 92, Z Stevns 132. Nett: H Stevens (27) 65 cb. Mad Stableford: A: B Bain (11) 38, H Brodie (4) 38, T Legoe (17) 37. B: C Perry (23) 47, L Herbert (19) 41, S Gough (8) 37.

Thurs Jan 11 - Members 48 Stableford: J Poole P Trinca 48 pts cb, R Hunter T Dickinson 48, P Dodgshun S Steer 47 cb. NTP: 4th S Marsh, 8th J Legoe, 17th J Ratcliffe.

BARWON VALLEY: Sat Jan 13 - Men: Stableford: Overall winner: A Crabbe 44. A: C Southen 40 D Kenna 39. B: D Taylor 43 M Kelly 40. C: T Sheridan 43 M Thomas 40. D: D Connarty 40 S Bignoux 38. Women: M Massey 40 V Reid 37. NTP: 3rd M Leech, 5th N Palmer, 10th A Cotter, 13th S Trickey, 17th M Walkenhorst, 5th J Harvey, 17th A Gargan. Hole Prize: 10th A Cotter.

BIRREGURRA: Sat Jan 13 - Men Stableford: A: M Tupene (16) 39, I Henderson (14) 38, A Kelly (13) 37, S Preston (5) 36. B: I Dorman (18) 40, A Mackenamara (12) 39, J Cotton (21) 38, V Parker (25) 37. NTP: 2nd or 11th I Dorman, 6th or 15th S Preston, 8th P Brain, 17th E Osgood. Birdie balls: 9th S Tupene, 13th M Tupene.

CLIFTON SPRINGS: Thurs Jan 11 - Stableford: A: L Datson (5) 41, B Cocks (Ocean Grove 13) 40. B: R McRae (17) 40, J Macauley (14) 38. C: L Littleford (24) 42, R Park (23) 40. D: G Robb (31) 41, N Nghiem (33) 40. Eagle: M Scott. NTP: 6th J Copeland, 9th D Jull, 11th A Little, 17th J Nairn. Hole Prize: 17th J Nairn.

Sat Jan 13 - Men: Stableford: A: W Piegert (9) 40, R Parkinson (10) 40. B: R Sciortino (12) 38, J Mooney (14) 37. C: W Hinchliffe (20) 42, L Shannon (22) 39. D: C Schoemaker (26) 38, J Kearsley (26) 38. Hole in One: R Parkinson. NTP: 6th A Golebiowski, 9th S Farrell, 11th B Kelly, 17th R Parkinson. Hole Prize: 15th J Sims, 17th R Parkinson. Women: Stableford: A: L Watach (14) 39, S Turner (25) 38. B: R Summers (34) 37, D Tellefson (31) 35. NTP: 6th F Rogers, 9th P Egan, 11th E Hendy, 17th P McConaghy. Hole Prize: 12th S Turner, 6th F Rogers.

INVERLEIGH: Sat Jan 13 - Mxd Stableford: L Richardson 41 pts T Sauni Jnr 39 cb D Nicholls 39. Bash for Cash: T Sauni Jnr. NTP: 3rd R Lymer Ladies L Richardson, 8th Ladies D Nicholls. Longest Drive: J Nicolle O/65 T Lee. Ladies L Richardson.

LARA: Sat Jan 13 - Ladies: Stableford: M Stratton 37 cb J Beard 37 S Gregory 36. NTP: 2nd I Kamstra, 8th S Valeri, 16th N Porter. Men: Par (107 players): A: T Sormaz +4 M Henderson +3 C Haigh +2. B: H MacDougall +3 cb S Miles +3 J Dulce +1 cb. C: D Willkie +4 cb C Hughes +4 J Barry +3 cb. D: D Robinson +4 K Birch +3 cb M Seehusen +3. Place Getters: G Kent +3 P Morgan +1 cb S Bosenio +1 cb M Rintoul +1 cb R Almano +1 cb G Maguire +1. NTP: 2nd C McLennan, 8th F San Gil, 11th D Sormaz, 16th A Meiselbach. Gdiden Shot: 8th A Meiselbach.

PORTARLINGTON: Thurs Jan 11 - Men: Par: A: R Hanson (9) +2, M Willems (5) +2, D Wood (10) +2. B: A Mclaren (13) +5, D Hellmann (14) +5, F Rouge-Senret (14) +4. C: T Drew (18) +6, B Hickey (17) +6, A Glen (17) +4. D: S Bond (23) +5, N Pike (24) +3, M Henry (30) +3. Eagle: 9th M Willems S Mcdonald, 11th M Gowling. NTP: 2nd N Evans, 5th & 17th D Kennedy. Women: N Ibbotson (29) -1, D Ivess (28) -1. NTP: 5th D Ivess.

Sat Jan 13 - Women: Stableford: P Peacock (21) 38, J Rowe (16) 38, J Barker (10) 36, J Johnson (25) 36. NTP: 5th J Rowe, 17th A Foott. Men: Stableford: A: G Schultz (8) 41, M Salter (3) 41, L Mamuntich (9) 39, J Mcgrath (3) 38. B: C Plummer (11) 40, H Geall (12) 40, S Keedbone (12) 39, D Byrne (14) 38. C: R Reynolds (17) 41, S Boland (18) 40, J Finch (18) 40, T Benham (15) 39. D: G Chisholm (25) 44, J Cosford (22) 41, R Milton (27) 39, D Hutton (32) 39. Eagle: J Andrew. NTP: 2nd L Powell, 5th G Peacock, 17th D Wood.

QUEENSCLIFF: Sat Jan 13 - Stableford: A: S Dawson (8) 40, G Bench (9) 38. B: B Glasman (10) 40, C McKeenan (14) 39. C: B Merriman (20) 39 cb, A Merriman (23) 39. D: J Williams (30) 41, G Shelly (34) 36. NTP: 3rd M Lowey, 9th G Brower, 14th M Christensen.

TORQUAY: Thurs Jan 11 - Stableford: Men White: B Kent (14) 45. Women Yellow: D Betts (28) 38. Men: 9-hole White: G Gill (22) 24.

Fri Jan 12 - Stableford: Men: A: T Lee (14) 38. B: R Costin (19) 39. C: D Rae (21) 35. Women: S Grace (42) 40.

Sat Jan 13 - Stableford: Men: A: J O'Neill (5) 38. B: A Young (13) 39. C: S James (17) 40. D: N Henderson (34) 40. Women: M Bradley (18) 40. Men: Resort: S Robinson (29) 32.

Weekend race results

SATURDAY

Flemington

Track: Good (4)

1 - ALL JOCKEYS DASH 1000m: 3.60 fav ZESTIMAN (b C 2y Zoustar - Estijmaam. Trainer: Ben, Will & Jd Hayes) 59 (L Currie) 1, 8.50 I'M KENOUGH 59 (D W Stackhouse) 2, 4.20 TWIN ENGINE 57 (Damian Lane) 3. Others: 4.20 Ravenite 18.00 Cool Star 4.20 Salsa Fellow Scr: Landmark, Influenza, Juviance. NK, 1¼ len. 0: $8.89. (No sect time). TAB Nos: 5 1 9. Win $3.50 place $1.90 $3.20 NTD. Q: $13.80. E: $25.20. T: $58.30. First 4: 5-1-9-3: $174.40. Sub: 5. Scr: 2,7,8.

2 - NATIONAL JOCKEYS TRUST TROPHY (BM100) 2000m: 18.00 AURORA'S SYMPHONY (b G 7y Glass Harmonium (Hot. Trainer: Symon Wilde) $8.5 (B Mc Dougall) 1, 4.80 HERMAN HESSE (GB) 53 (D Moor) 2, 2.60 fav ARUGAMAMA 53 (Jye McNeil) 3. Others: 3.10 Golden Crusader (FR) 12.00 Shelm 11.00 Mr Blackwood 61.00 Southern France (IRE) 61.00 Nelson (IRE) Scr: Maserartie Bay. SH, NS. 2.01.67. (No sect time). TAB Nos: 1 4 7. Win $19.00 place $3.50 $1.60 $1.20. Q: $49.30. E: $77.30. Duets: 1-4: $10.40, 1-7: $5.60, 4-7: $2.20. T: $263.60. D: $96.50. First 4: 1-4-7-8: $672.70. Sub: 7. Scr: 5.

3 - VICTORIAN JOCKEYS ASSOCIATION TROPHY (BM70) 1400m: 1.75 fav OTAGO (ch G 3y Ocean Park (NZ) - Steel Stilettos. Trainer: M Price & M Kent Jnr) $8.5 (Beau Mertens) 1, 7.50 VALOIS 60 (Damian Lane) 2, 5.00 VERY SEWREEL 57 (Jye McNeil) 3. Others: 11.00 High Security 19.00 Military Award 31.00 He's Godspeed 41.00 Samadartson 15.00 Check Your Six All Started. SN, SN. 1.22.46. (No sect time). TAB Nos: 3 1 8. Win $1.60 place $1.10 $1.60 $1.60. Q: $4.30. E: $5.60. Duets: 3-1: $2.10, 3-8: $1.90, 1-8: $3.30. T: $16.10. D: $48.70. First 4: 3-1-8-2: $45.20. Sub: NSR. All Started.

4 - READINESS APP SPRINT (RSOMW) 1000m: 4.80 CHESTER WARRIOR (b G 4y Zululand - Ehor. Trainer: Ben, Will & Jd Hayes) 56 (B Mc Dougall) 1, 4.40 WHO SHOT SUZY 55.5 cd 54 (Celine Gaudray) 2, 6.50 SHAME 54 (Beau Mertens) 3. Others: 26.00 Mr Moppett 6.00 Princess Annalise 3.40 fav Keane Enuff 13.00 Far Enough Scr: Dio, Graewasi, Machinist, Accending. 2 len, LH. 0: $8.01. (No sect time). TAB Nos: 4 7 11. Win $5.30 place $2.50 $2.40 NTD. Q: $9.10. E: $18.80. T: $77.80. D: $9.00. First 4: 4-7-11-1: $653.70. Sub: 8. Scr: 2,5,6,10.

5 - THE STUD AND STABLE STAFF AWARDS (BM70) 2000m: 3.90 BOLD SOUL (b G 3y Embellish (NZ) - Twin Soul (IRE). Trainer: Patrick Payne) 57.5 (D W Stackhouse) 1, 41.00 CROSSOVERKID 55.5 (Jordan Childs) 2, 21.00 MACY MOON 57 (L Currie) 3. Others: 3.60 Interlinked 2.80 fav Girls Girls Girls 21.00 Sambucus 17.00 Certain 21.00 Border Visage 18.00 Ring Bearer 81.00 Flyball Scr: Gold Wolf, Box Vale. NK, HH. 2.03.69. (No sect time). TAB Nos: 2 8 5. Win $3.80 place $1.50 $8.40 $4.00. Q: $95.80. E: $141.90. Duets: 2-8: $23.60, 2-5: $11.00, 8-5: $69.20. T: $2,142.10. D: $22.50. First 4: 2-8-5-1: $7,605.60. Sub: 9. Scr: 4,12.

6 - JOCKEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PLATE (BM78) 1600m: 8.50 REGAL VOW (b M 4y Swear - Regime (USA). Trainer: Charlotte Littlefield) 57 (Jack Hill) 1, 5.50 KIND GESTURE (GB) 57 (Damian Lane) 2, 14.00 RIVAPORT (FR) 55.5 cd 52.5 (Ryan Houston) 3. Others: 5.00 Dane On Tour 7.00 Mawileb 2.70 fav Fire Of Etna 26.00 Harmonious Senora 15.00 Friday At Five Scr: Soaring Eagle, Spanish Tides. SN, SN. 1.36.86. (No sect time). TAB Nos: 4 3 8. Win $8.70 place $2.40 $1.90 $3.00. Q: $23.40. E: $45.00. Duets: 4-3: $8.10, 4-8: $14.30, 3-8: $12.00. T: $459.70. D: $40.60. First 4: 4-3-8-5: $1,303.70. Sub: 9. Scr: 1,2.

7 - HONOURING OUR JOCKEYS PLATE (BM70) 1400m: 5.00 VAGRANT (ch M 4y Pariah - My Obsession. Trainer: Mitchell Freedman) 58.5 (Beau Mertens) 1, 3.50 fav HELIX 60 (Jye McNeil) 2, 21.00 BULLET WING 59.5 (C Newitt) 3. Others: 10.00 El Rocio 16.00 Toogoodfortoorak 10.00 Bubbly Lass 41.00 Serenaur 4.20 Green Bdit (USA) 51.00 Cormorant (IRE) 8.00 Explosive Thinker Scr: Tap 'N' Rue, Intrepid Eagle, Punch

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2	05742	DOOO DONT THINK	Alex Ashwood	Fr	51	8.00
3	9992	SPORTS WRACK	Ewa Justice (C)	Fr	52	5.00
4	05636	BUDD SIDEWINDER	Jack Laugher	Fr	54	5.00
5	59463	ROCKETS MATE	Ellen Tormey	Fr	55	5.00
6	42737	RUBY WINGATE	Ryan Duffy	Fr	55	*3.50
7	8x0x0	TREACHEROUSTIMES	Glenn Bull	Fr	46	8.00
Second Line						
8	5x6	MY GREAT EIGHT	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	49	13.00

OVERVIEW: **RUBY WINGATE (6)** capable mare that has been racing against stronger company and looks hard to beat in this. **ROCKETS MATE (5)** finished off nicely last start and is amongst the winning chances. **BUDD SIDEWINDER (4)** close two starts ago but disappointed last run. Can do much better and must be given another chance. **TREACHEROUSTIMES (7)** he's better than his figure form suggest and improvement would not surprise. Both **OH EMM JAY CRESCO (1)** **DOOO DON'T THINK (2)** and **SPORTS WRACK (3)** have favourable draws to be well poised and will get every chance.

EARLY SPEED: 1,2,3

SELECTIONS: **RUBY WINGATE (6)** Rockets Mate (5) Budd Sidewinder (4) Treacherousitmes (7)

RATINGS: 6/ 5/ 4/ 7/ 1/ 2/ 3

SUGGESTED BET: **RUBY WINGATE (6)** to Win.

2 1.27 MARYBOROUGH HIGHLAND SOCIETY EQ2

2190m. $7000. 3yo Pacers Maiden RBD Mobile.

1		MARLO MAREAU	Katrina Cain	Fr	50	13.00
2	6x59	LETSGETROWDY	Chris Svanosio	Fr	48	5.50
3	7x4	LONGTAN VIPER	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	49	8.50
4	45222	COOPER CLEAVER	Michael Bellman	Fr	49	*3.00
5	37	SOHO SOLITAIRE	Michael Stanley	Fr	49	5.00
6	r7x78	HARRO HILL	Josh Duggan	Fr	47	15.00
7	0x686	COBARGO WARLOCK	Michelle Philips	Fr	47	8.50
Second Line						
8	65x18	HEAVENS GIFT	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	49	6.50
9	6936	SUE NIEN	Ewa Justice (C)	Fr	48	11.00

OVERVIEW: **COOPER CLEAVER (4)** is an improving pacer that is working up to a win after some promising performances and looks suited here. Hard to beat. **SOHO SOLITAIRE (5)** good effort at her race debut and performed below par last start though had excuses. Can bounce back here. **LETSGETROWDY (2)** has been slightly disappointing at his two runs back from a spell and should be improved by the race experience and will find this an easier assignment. Worthy of another chance. **HEAVENS GIFT (8)** has been around the placings to date and will get a soft trip and must be respected. **MARLO MAREAU (1)** first starter drawn well and expect a forward showing whilst **LONGTAN VIPER (3)** **HARRO HILL (6)** **COBARGO WARLOCK (7)** and **SUE NIEN (9)** cannot be dismissed.

EARLY SPEED: 1,2,3,4,5

SELECTIONS: **COOPER CLEAVER (4)** Letsgetrowdy (2) Heavens Gift (8) Soho Solitaire (5)

RATINGS: 4/ 2/ 8/ 5/ 1/ 3/ 6/ 7/ 9

SUGGESTED BET: **COOPER CLEAVER (4)** to Win.

3 2.02 MARYBOROUGH GOLF CLUB BG1 EQ3

1690m. $4500. NR up to 45 PBD Mobile.

1	24670	ACE DUIGAN	Daniel Mannix (C)	Fr	30	8.00
2	346x8	GOODTIME STRYKER	Jackie Barker	Fr	31	11.00
3	817r	BETTER THAN FLYHIGH	Glenn Bull	Fr	38	11.00
4	05198	SUGOI ALTO	Michael Bellman	Fr	38	*4.50
5	s7744	MIDNIGHT MUSIC	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	40	8.50
6	0x935	DANCIN DOLLY	Katrina Cain	Fr	40	8.50
7	36966	MYSHANIA	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	40	8.50
Second Line						
8	46739	SILVER DOMINO	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	37	5.00
9	16551	ALL GOOD (Em1)	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	43	
10	97867	CLARENDEN SCOOTER	Ryan Duffy	Fr	43	*4.50
11	75860	SWEET FACE	Sean O'Sullivan (C)	Fr	30	26.00

OVERVIEW: **SUGOI ALTO (4)** won a similar race three starts ago by leading throughout and will attempt to do the same here. Definite claims. **CLARENDEN SCOOTER (10)** capable of improving his figure form in this and was a winner in November against similar company. Definite chance. **SILVER DOMINO (8)** does have man more wins than most of the opposition and can threaten along with **ACE DUIGAN (1)** that has the perfect draw whilst **GOODTIME STRYKER (2)** **BETTER THAN FLYHIGH (3)** **MIDNIGHT MUSIC (5)** and **DANCIN DOLLY (6)** can't be ruled out in an even race.

EARLY SPEED: 1,2,3,4

SELECTIONS: **SUGOI ALTO (4)** Clarenden Scooter (10) Silevr Domino (8) Ace Duigan (1)

RATINGS: 4/ 10/ 8/ 1/ 2/ 3/ 5/ 6

SUGGESTED BET: **SUGOI ALTO (4)** to Win.

4 2.37 COMMUNITY BANK BRANCHES TROT BG2 EQ4

2190m. $4500. Trottees NR up to 45 PBD Mobile.

1	8x276	BLIS VALLEY	Ian White	Fr	30	21.00
2	43532	SURPRISE TO ME (Em1)	Rory Coverdale (C)	Fr	33	
3	5960x	BOUTIKA	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	36	2.50
4	8x574	ASTRO	Chris Alford	Fr	37	5.50
5	66631	TENSION SEEKER	Scott Tormey	Fr	40	*4.00
6	51445	MASTER COMBATANT	Ellen Tormey	Fr	40	7.00
7	910x8	MORSURE D'AMOUR	Michelle Wight	Fr	45	5.50
Second Line						
8	03383	PERSEVERANSE	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	32	13.00
9	03310	STELLAR STRUT	Luke Dunne (C)	Fr	39	8.50
10	00947	WHATS THE TEA	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	30	11.00
11	57906	SETTLE THE BILL	Eddie Gorroy	Fr	34	8.50

OVERVIEW: **TENSION SEEKER (5)** ran on well to win last start and on that performance looks a major threat again. **ASTRO (4)** wasn't far away last start and can make his presence felt again along with **MASTER COMBATANT (6)** that is never far away. **MORSURE D'AMOUR (7)** strips fitter and can win this but needs to trot throughout. Both **BOUTIKA (3)** and **SETTLE THE BILL (11)** might be the value chances in the race and can't be ruled out. At their best they are genuine chances in an open race.

EARLY SPEED: 4,5,6,7

SELECTIONS: **TENSION SEEKER (5)** Astro (4) Master Combatant (6) Moesure D'amour (7)

RATINGS: 5/ 4/ 6/ 7/ 3/ 11

SUGGESTED BET: **TENSION SEEKER (5)** to Win.

5 3.12 BENSTUD STANDARDBRED SPACE DD1 BG3 Q1

2190m. $6000. NR up to 51 PBD/L4$ Mobile.

1	s5875	TACTICS ARE ROLLIN	Luke Bryant	Fr	51	8.00
2	69874	SHEROCKS SHEROLLS	Karen Kendall	Fr	50	8.50
3	3669	ETIZ AMODEL	Kerryn Manning	Fr	37	15.00
4	13763	SHADY DANCER	Jackie Barker	Fr	51	11.00
5	79343	ROCKIN CHARMER	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	44	11.00
6	82761	STRAIGHT UP	Ryan Sanderson (C)	Fr	40	8.50
7	32816	YOURSNMINE	Robert Walters	Fr	48	5.00
Second Line						
8	51423	DREAMERS DELIGHT NZ	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	51	4.00
9	s1073	OZZIE JOYBELL	Josh Duggan	Fr	51	*3.50

OVERVIEW: **OZZIE JOYBELL (9)** progressive mare that still lacks race experience but shows plenty of talent. Lovely effort last start and expect her to be savaging the line. Hard to hold out. Stable mates **DREAMERS DELIGHT (8)** and **YOURSNMINE (7)** both have their share of talent and are suited amongst these. Both can figure in the finish. **SHEROCKS SHEROLLS (2)** speedy mare that can race handy and must be respected. **TACTICS ARE ROLLIN (1)** drawn well and can improve. Don't dismiss.

EARLY SPEED: 2,3

SELECTIONS: **OZZIE JOYBELL (9)** Dreamers Delight (8) Yoursnmine (7) Sherocks Sherolls (2)

RATINGS: 9/ 8/ 7/ 2/ 1

SUGGESTED BET: **OZZIE JOYBELL (9)** to Win.

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BEST BET
COOPER CLEAVER)
(RACE 2 NO.4)

BEST VALUE
OZZIE JOY BELL)
(RACE 5 NO.9)

BEST ROUGHIE
MADAM REACTOR)
(RACE 8 NO. 3)

$50 FLEXI EARLY QUADDIE FOR 26.04%
4,5,6,7/ 4,5/ 1,4,8,10/ 3,4,5,6,7,11

$50 FLEXI QUADDIE FOR 37.03%
7,8,9/ 2,4,10/ 7,10,13/ 3,9,10,11,12

6 3.52 ALDEBARAN PARK HANDICAP BG4 Q2

2190m. $7000. Trotters NR up to 55 PBD Stand.

1	2000s	BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	43	13.00
2	2260s	KYVALLEY SURFRIDER NZ	Chris Alford	Fr	45	2.00
3	36366	NORTHOLT	Josh Dickie	Fr	46	13.00
4	74654	SHIELD MAIDEN	Anne-Maree Conroy	Fr	48	7.50
5	68251	CHRISTMAS BABE NZ	Shannon O'Sullivan	Fr	48	8.50
6	74556	ARABELLA SHOWDOWN	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	51	8.50
7	36602	ALDEBARAN SELENA	Leilani Justice (C)	Fr	44	15.00
Second Line						
8	42856	GLENGARRIFF	Jackie Barker	Fr	46	15.00
9	90680	FLINGIT RAINBOW	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	51	21.00
10	0143	CHARLIE WALKER	Michael Bellman	10	54	*4.00
11	s0874	CORK	Declan Murphy (C)	10	54	8.00
12	21538	ALDEBARAN BOYD	Ewa Justice (C)	10	55	8.50

OVERVIEW: **KYVALLEY SURFRIDER (2)** is first up since October but enjoyed a great campaign last time in work under the astute care of Katrina Fitzpatrick. Normally races well fresh and can settle handy and is worthy of an each way ticket. **CHARLIE WALKER (10)** has been racing with great zest and looks hard to hold out again. **SHIELD MAIDEN (4)** races well under these conditions and at the track. Definite chance. **CHRISTMAS BABE (5)** getting back into form and must be respected. **ARABELLA SHOWDOWN (6)** **CORK (11)** **ALDEBARAN BOYD (12)** have been racing against stronger opposition and are not out of this.

EARLY SPEED: 2,4,5

SELECTIONS: **KYVALLEY SURFRIDER (2)** Charlie Walker (10) Shield Maiden (4) Christmas Babe (5)

RATINGS: 2/ 10/ 4/ 5/ 6/ 11/ 12

SUGGESTED BET: **KYVALLEY SURFRIDER (2)** Each Way.

7 4.32 HARAS DES TROTTEURS DD2 BG5 Q3

2190m. $7000. 2LTW Trotters PBD/LTW Mobile.

1	s4109	TINEY (Em1)	Ben Xinha (C)	Fr	51	
2	72931	THE VICARS GIRL	Kevin Weidenbach	Fr	51	8.00
3	57317	MINIMEZ	Michelle Wight	Fr	52	8.00
4	59977	SOUTHBOUND RED	Jackie Barker	Fr	34	34.00
5	9156	AZALEA MAE	Brett Shipway	Fr	52	8.00
6	47224	WISTFUL LADY	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	42	11.00
7	55546	CADENCE LANE	Kerryn Manning	Fr	53	*3.50
Second Line						
8	5x194	POPPY POPSTAR	Nick Youngson	Fr	53	13.00
9	66452	DOUBLE DOT	Lauren White (C)	Fr	30	13.00
10	31636	FREDRHYS	Michael Bellman	Fr	52	7.50
11	24451	FLYING FLYNN	Michael Bellman	Fr	49	11.00
12	58214	ROLL WITH ROSCO	Clinton Welsh	Fr	44	11.00
13	21	ARGYLE ROCKS	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	53	11.00

OVERVIEW: **CADENCE LANE (7)** has proven to be a headache in recent times for legendary trainer Peter Manning having been in winning positions at her past two starts and appearing to break stride for no reason. If she trots, she can win! Take on trust! **FREDRHYS (10)** going well enough to be a winning chance in this and can figure. **ARGYLE ROCKS (13)** talented but still learning. Tough draw but can run well. **THE VICARS GIRL (2)** **MINIMEZ (3)** **AZALEA MAE (5)** all have favourable draws to race prominent and must be respected. **DOUBLE DOT (9)** **FLYIN FLYNN (11)** **ROLL WITH ROSCO (12)** are racing well and can't be dismissed.

EARLY SPEED: 2,3,5,7

SELECTIONS: **CADENCE LANE (7)** Fredrhys (10) Argyle Rocks (13) The Vicars Girl (2)

RATINGS: 7/ 10/ 13/ 2/ 3/ 5/ 9/ 11/ 12

SUGGESTED BET: **CADENCE LANE (7)** to Win.

8 5.12 MCPHERSONS PRINTING GROUP BG6 Q4

2190m. $8000. NR 52 to 59 PBD/NR L4$ Mobile.

1	88696	OUTBACK QUEENIE	Michael Bellman	Fr	57	21.00
2	04870	MADAME ANNIE (Em1)	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	57	
3	58656	MADAM REACTOR	Shannon O'Sullivan	Fr	57	11.00
4	58194	OURBEACHBABE	Liam Older (C)	Fr	55	13.00
5	11544	WICHITA KANSAS	Leilani Justice (C)	Fr	52	8.50
6	s9x21	MCARDOM	Luke Dunne (C)	Fr	52	8.50
7	22166	MISS HERMES	Ellen Tormey	Fr	57	11.00
Second Line						
8	76418	OZZIE JOY	Jack Laugher	Fr	59	11.00
9	21373	SLICE OF CHEDDAR	Chris Alford	Fr	57	*4.50
10	16507	WINGATE GUY	Ryan Duffy	Fr	58	6.50
11	87885	DOUBLE THE HUNTER	Michelle Phillips	Fr	58	8.50
12	59660	CASTING SHADOW	Alex Ashwood	Fr	59	11.00
13	s5416	AMORE ROCK	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	59	8.00

OVERVIEW: **SLICE OF CHEDDAR (9)** is the rising pacer from the pack that needs to step up into this next class. Chased home a smart horse last start and back to a bigger track should suit. Definite chance. **MADAMREACTOR (3)** could be one at bolters odds that gets under the guard. Has competed in races where the form line has been exceptional and would not shock. **WINGATE GUY (10)** **DOUBLE THE HUNTER (11)** **CASTING SHADOW (12)** **AMORE ROCK (13)** are seasoned pacers that drop in class and all have ability and must come under consideration for this. **WHICHITA KANSAS (5)** going well but meeting slight stronger opposition. Respect. The dominant Julie Douglas team of **MISS HERMES (7)** and **OZZIE JOY (8)** are always capable whilst **MCARDOM (6)** is racing well though this is harder than recent starts.

EARLY SPEED: 1,3,4

SELECTIONS: **SLICE OF CHEDDAR (9)** Madam Reactor (3) Wingate Guy (10) Double The Hunter (11)

RATINGS: 9/ 3/ 10/ 11/ 12/ 13/ 5/ 7/ 8/ 6

SUGGESTED BET: **SLICE OF CHEDDAR (9)** to Win.

9 5.52 PETER EGAN BI-RITE ELECTRICAL

1690m. $4500. NR up to 45 PBD Mobile.

1	402x3	SUMMERHILL	Ryan Sanderson (C)	Fr	30	8.00
2	29061	FOREGONE CONCLUSION NZ	Luke Dunne (C,S)	Fr	40	8.00
3	86127	HAND WRITER	Jack Laugher	Fr	42	6.50
4	37428	ICANMOTOR	Ryan Duffy	Fr	37	2.00
5	20428	WRITTEN COURAGE	Sean O'Sullivan (C,S)	Fr	44	13.00
6	77551	BLUE OCEAN	Glenn Bull	Fr	40	*5.50
7	87244	GLENS OF TEXOA NZ	Liam Older (C,S)	Fr	45	13.00
Second Line						
8	69524	ERNIELOVENBOY	Michelle Phillips	Fr	41	6.00
9	31775	EAGLES AND INDIANS	Alex Ashwood	Fr	42	6.00
10	16551	ALL GOOD (Em1)	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	43	
11	92076	PLAY NICE	Ellen Tormey	Fr	35	8.00

EARLY SPEED: 1,2,3,5,6

SELECTIONS: **ERNIELOVENBOY (8)** Eagles And Indians (9) Hand Writer (3) Icanmotor (4)

RATINGS: 8/ 9/ 3/ 4/ 6

SUGGESTED BET: **ERNIELOVENBOY (8)** Each Way.

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EARLY QUAD 1,2,3,4
TREBLE 6,7,8
QUADDIE 5,6,7,8

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1 11.21 SPORTSBET

Mixed 6/7 Heat 450m.

Bx	PS	Dog	PB	PPO
1	44844	PRETTY WITH IT	25.67	$15
2	41046	CORTEZ BALE	PSH	$6
3	48124	ZIPPING GWEN	25.37	$12
4	32566	PEGLEG PETE	NBT	$5.50
5	41183	JACOBY BALE	PSH	$41
6	51261	FIGURE IT OUT	25.23	$2.50
7	26232	REDEEMER RUSLIE	NBT	$21
8	11	HARTNEY	PSTD	$1.80
9	56666	TWILIGHT STYLE Res.	25.95	$51

Watchdog says: HARTNEY (8) has posted scintillating wins in his first 2 starts and he looks awfully hard to beat again here. PEGLEG PETE (4) was far from disgraced at Group level last start and can challenge with luck. CORTEZ BALE (2) has claims as well. **Tips:** 8, 4, 2, 6. Trifecta 8/2,4,6/2,3,4,6 ($10 - 111.11%).

2 11.36 SPORTSBET

Mixed 6/7 Heat 450m.

1	23743	MAXIMUM LYN	PSH		$7
2	2153	CARLY BALE	PSH		$8.50
3	14515	BUCK SHINES	25.33		$6
4	47312	NICMACS WIFT	25.61		$15
5	35121	TATLIBBY	25.54		$4.60
6	68185	KENTUCKY GUS	PSTD		$3.60
7	13345	FINDERS KEEPERS	NBT		$5
8	6331	LEROY'S GIRL	NBT		$11
9	56666	TWILIGHT STYLE Res.	25.95		$2.6

Watchdog says: FINDERS KEEPERS (7) can show solid mid race pace in her races and she may prove hard to hold out with an ounce of luck. TAT LIBBY (5) has posted smart wins in 2 of her last 3 starts and can challenge. KENTUCKY GUS (6) has claims as well here. **Tips:** 7, 5, 6, 3. Win 7.

3 11.52 SPORTSBET

Mixed 6/7 Heat 450m.

1	48252	FRANK GRIMES	25.45	$5.50
2	14427	DE TRIOT	25.89	$7.50
3	28137	MAXIMUM MORE LAND	PSH	$4.60
4	34325	FASCINATE PEARL	PSTD	$10
5	33314	RAM ROCKS	PSH	$2.50
6	72235	DIVA DIVINA	PSTD	$9
7	28511	KEL OF KINTYRE	PSH	$12
8	44521	MICKLEJOHN	NBT	$21
9	56566	TWILIGHT STYLE Res.	25.95	$41

Watchdog says: RAM ROCKS (5) has shown plenty of talent in his 6 starts to date and he can return to the winners list with an ounce of luck. MAXIMUM MORE LAND (3) was a solid city winner 3 starts back and can challenge. DIVA DIVINA (6) has talent as well. **Tips:** 5, 3, 6, 1. Box Quinella 3,5,6 ($10 for 333.33%).

4 12.07 TOP CAT VIDEO DAMSELS DASH

Grade 5 390m.

1	24256	MISTRESS OASIS	NBT	$5
2	42416	LATIN RHYTHM	NBT	$7.50
3	31451	IDAHO EVIE	22.34	$9
4	51421	PRESTIA	NBT	$6.50
5	54745	ELU'S MY GIRL	NBT	$15
6	24511	MAGIC RIDE	NBT	$4.60
7	32541	RAPID FIRE GIRL	NBT	$3.20
8	13381	SIALA GIBLET	22.50	$11
9	52335	ME UNA VELLA Res.	NBT	$7
10	36255	OUT AND DREAMING Res.	NBT	$8.50

Watchdog says: RAPID FIRE GIRL (7) can cross and lead from box nine in this and she will be hard to reel in if she does so. MAGIC RIDE (6) has posted solid all the way 450m wins in her last 2 starts and can challenge. PRESTIA (4) has claims as well here. **Tips:** 7, 6, 4, 1. Trifecta 6,7,1/4,6,7/1,4,6,7 ($10 - 83.33%).

5 12.22 ELITE COLLARS & LEADS

Grade 5 450m.

1	12162	REEMA BALE	PSTD	$11
2	38341	BUMPY'S DAD ROY	NBT	$4.60
3	14422	MAXIMUM ANG	PSTD	$15
4	12114	TATTOOED	PSTD	$2
5	44745	MIDNIGHT ROCKER	25.59	$26
6	66313	AVIANNA	PSTD	$6
7	75581	ARTS INFERNO	25.46	$15
8	44248	CARAJILLO	25.54	$8.50
9	13687	IT'S GOT LEGS Res.	PSH	$41
10	21246	RAPIDFIRE FORESTRes.	25.82	$21

Watchdog says: TATTOOED (4) looks like a serious prospect and he may only need an ounce of luck at box nine to salute again here. BUMPY'S DAD ROY (2) was a solid 21.96 390m winner here last start and he can challenge. REEMA BALE (1) has plenty of talent as well. **Tips:** 4, 2, 1, 6. Trifecta 4/1,2,6/1,2,3,6 ($10 - 111.11%).

6 12.38 GPP LASER 3300

Restricted Win (0-4 Wins) 650m.

1	26775	ROLLIN' FREE	NBT	$15
2	67852	ELLIE KAT	PSH	$21
3	58224	RENEGADE RUSLIE	NBT	$7.50
4	5171	PREMIUM EQUITY	PSH	$2.20
5	28612	JACKPOT JEWEL	PSH	$3
6	31275	TIGER NEWLY	NBT	$12
7	11565	IRISH MILLIE	PSH	$18
8	22533	HAMMER TO FALL	PSH	$10
9	35456	COOL CABANG Res.	PSTD	$26

Watchdog says: PREMIUM EQUITY (4) has posted solid wins in 3 of his last 4 starts and he looks very hard to hold out in this. JACKPOT JEWEL (5) has been solid in her last 2 starts and she looks like the main danger here. RENEGADE RUSLIE (3) has claims as well. **Tips:** 4, 5, 3, 8. Trifecta 4,5/3,4,5/3,4,5,8 ($10 - 125%).

7 1.00 NAGAMBIE GUTTER CLEANING

Grade 5 450m.

1	276F3	ELANGA	25.38	$4.60
2	24853	CRACKERJACK JET	NBT	$12
3	15681	CRACKERJACK KING	NBT	$5
4	84552	FROSTY JACK	26.11	$21
5	24732	YEAH SO WHAT	NBT	$5.50
6	41672	CHEAP CHARLIE	PSTD	$3.20
7	73751	APOLLO RIOT	NBT	$9
8	24223	MYALL MANNERED	NBT	$7.50
9	37243	UNDER ARREST Res.	NBT	$7
10	33955	KNEW THAT Res.	25.65	$8.50

Watchdog says: CHEAP CHARLIE (6) can explode soon after box rise in his races and he will find this easier than his recent outings. YEAH SO WHAT (5) has posted solid placings in her last 2 starts and can challenge. ELANGA (1) has plenty of ability as well. **Tips:** 6, 5, 1, 3. Trifecta 5/6/1,5,6/1,3,5,6,8 ($10 - 183.33%).

8 1.20 SHEPPARTON NEWS

Mixed 4/5 450m.

1	86377	TWILIGHT JET	25.53	$41
2	45715	BEAR LEE BOND	25.41	$12
3	52327	MANILA COGHLAN	PSH	$7
4	16376	SIR MELVILLE	25.44	$15
5	35577	OX THE MAN	25.34	$41
6	21111	EXPLICIT	PSH	$1.20
7	66286	BE RN BY	25.20	$21
8	11285	BLUE CABANG	25.40	$26
9	45757	FORGIVE ME Res.	NBT	$100
10	27214	NO COMMENT Res.	25.38	$7.50

Watchdog says: EXPLICIT (6) looks like a superstar in the making and after 1 up wins in 7 of his 9 starts he looks like he should be winning here. MANILA COGHLAN (3) has ran good placings in 3 of his last 4 starts and he looks like the main danger if there is one. **Tips:** 6, 3, 2, 8. Trifecta 6/2,3/2,3,8 ($10 - 250%).

9 1.39 GVSHELVING.COM.AU

Grade 4 390m.

1	16211	VALKYRIE	22.29	$10
2	76616	MARKETSCOOBY	22.02	$15
3	11214	MONEY OWES	NBT	$5.50
4	71622	GLORY BOY	21.93	$12
5	12342	IMANI	21.95	$5
6	61853	THURMAN	22.24	$41
7	12115	HIGH ROLLER	21.82	$3.60
8	34245	UMBERTO	PSTD	$3.20

Watchdog says: HIGH ROLLER (7) has can explode once he gets into stride and he may prove hard to hold out in this. UMBERTO (8) is a classy chaser resuming after an injury last start and he could be right in the finish. IMANI (5) has claims as well with luck. **Tips:** 7, 8, 5, 3. Trifecta 7,8/3,5,7,8/3,5,7,8 ($10 - 83.33%).

10 1.55 MMS ACCESS DAMSELS DASH

Grade 5 390m.

1	41151	SODA POLLY	PSTD	$4.60
2	15345	MYSTERY CHILL	NBT	$8
3	15415	LAMONICA	PSTD	$6.50
4	41131	MILLIE	PSTD	$4.20
5	11447	OH EVIE	PSTD	$5
6	24854	LEKTRA APRIL	NBT	$5.50
7	13666	URANA ZOOM	PSTD	$15
8	13624	KEISHA	NBT	$12
9	52335	ME UNA VELLA Res.	NBT	$7
10	36255	OUT AND DREAMING Res.	NBT	$10

Watchdog says: MILLIE (4) has been racing in great fashion of late with solid wins in 3 of her last 4 starts and she could be the one to beat again. SODA POLLY (1) is drawn to race on the speed through out and can challenge. OH EVIE (5) has claims as well in this. **Tips:** 4, 1, 5, 3. Win 4.

11 2.14 CKH PAINTING DAMSELS DASH

Grade 5 390m.

1	57531	CHAPPY'S GIRL	22.10	$4.20
2	15361	TWILIGHT SOFIA	22.66	$8
3	77422	KIPPY BALE	PSTD	$5
4	73434	JANIE CABANG	NBT	$3.60
5	75775	LITTLE WINNIE	NBT	$41
6	32261	JUICE	22.44	$6.50
7	65544	ESPECIAL PIP	PSTD	$10
8	33461	INTO OBSCURITY	22.55	$6
9	26557	DREAMING STAR Res.	NBT	$21
10	26732	TESSA ORCHID Res.	NBT	$15

Watchdog says: CHAPPY'S GIRL (1) can race on the speed from her gun draw and she could be the one to beat with an ounce of luck. JANIE CABANG (4) will find this a bit easier than her last few starts and can challenge. TWILIGHT SOFIA (2) can race on the speed. **Tips:** 1, 4, 2, 3. Quinella 1/4 ($10 for 1000%).

12 2.30 RICH RIVER BECOME A MEN

Grade 5 390m.

1	24522	GET A BEER	NBT	$3
2	43372	MAGIC LIES	22.51	$6
3	21221	AYA NEIGHBOUR	22.28	$4.20
4	27772	GROOMSMAN	22.30	$8.50
5	67334	BELIEVING	NBT	$7
6	5F563	MANILA HECKLE	PSH	$12
7	32333	NARCISSUS	22.49	$10
8	41525	COFFEE AND CREAM	22.24	$15
9	75816	PRETTY REEF Res.	22.18	$10
10	42166	FAR NORTH Res.	22.30	$12

Watchdog says: AYA NEIGHBOUR (3) can explode soon after box rise and he looks like he may be hard to hold out in this. GET A BEER (1) can set the tempo in the early stages and can be prominent throughout. MAGIC LIES (2) has claims as well here. **Tips:** 3, 1, 2, 5. Win 3.

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1 6.53 A1 SIGNAGE

Maiden (Tier 3) 390m.

Bx	PS	Dog	PB	PPO
1	56764	DARYL DOWLING	NBT	$16
2	76563	RON'S MISTAKE	NBT	$7.50
3	867	SINGING BILLY	NBT	$12
4	66725	RANGER'S GIRL	NBT	$8
5	67275	PABLO'S CALL	PSH	$9
6	87423	LARRY IN PURSUIT	NBT	$8
7	64532	ASTON CONGO	NBT	$3.40
8	32263	SMACKDOWN SHAKA	NBT	$4
9	4764	STARLIGHT JEWEL Res.	NBT	$21
10	76788	RUNAWAY DEAL Res.	NBT	$26

Watchdog says: ASTON CONGO (7) has shown improvement in his past two at Geelong and he looks suited in this event. SMACKDOWN SHAKA (8) has been placed in four of six here and he will get a nice cart across early on. LARRY IN PURSUIT (6) has claims. **Tips:** 7, 8, 6, 4. Box Quinella 6,7,8 ($10 for 333.33%).

2 7.10 SJC CONCRETING

Maiden (Tier 3) 390m.

1	32432	CORNHILL RAVEN	NBT	$3.40
2	58733	FREEDOM GIRL	PSH	$21
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Mitch sees Cam shaft

Johnson opposes Smith promotion, smells vendetta

Robert Craddock

Mitchell Johnson has questioned Steve Smith's promotion to opener and says selectors deserved to be asked whether Cameron Bancroft was the victim of a vendetta.

The snubbing of Bancroft has triggered a "Sandgropergate" scandal in Perth.

Locals are furious that their opener has missed a berth in the Test side to face the West Indies in Adelaide.

In his weekly column for Perth's Sunday Times published on The West Australian's website, Johnson said Smith had "long been the glue" of Australia's top order at No.4 and he could not understand the logic for changing things.

Cameron Bancroft

Steve Smith

"You can't help but wonder why (selection chairman) George Bailey and the selection panel have gone this way," Johnson wrote.

"Do they feel Smith hasn't been at his best and they think this could be a good change for him?

"There are reports that Smithy doesn't like sitting around waiting to bat but he has done that most of his career at fourth in the order – and he's been pretty good at it.

"Is it purely to fit Cam Green back in and give him a shot at No.4? I'm not a big fan of this way. You always want your best players at third and fourth in the order. It's a really interesting way of selection and anything could happen."

Bailey, who fell out with Johnson this season following the former Test quick's comments that Bailey was too close to the players, denied at his press conference that the panel or any player had any lingering bad vibes towards Bancroft following his fallout with the bowlers for comments he made about the Sandpapergate scandal.

"Bailey says there is no issue or vendetta but you can't blame Bancroft – or the public – for questioning this, if he is claiming the selection panel didn't consider the specialist opener among the nation's seven-best batters.

"It's obviously a confusing message for the West Australian, who has scored the most runs out of all those openers considered and done it over the past couple of years, so any questions around this are fair."

West Indies' bowler Kemar Roach during the second Test against England at Old Trafford in Manchester. Picture: AFP

COACH'S PLEA TO SAVE TEST CRICKET

Daniel Cherny

West Indies coach Andre Coley has called on cricket's leadership to put up or shut up when it comes to saving the Test format globally, while floating the idea of four-day Tests in a bid to make it more appetising to players.

The Windies have been widely written off for the Frank Worrell Trophy series, which begins in Adelaide on Wednesday.

Having not beaten in Australia in a Test series in more than three decades, and not even won a Test against the Aussies in more than 20 years, the Windies have picked a squad that contains seven uncapped players.

Former captain Jason Holder and all-rounder Kyle Mayers have opted out of the series to prioritise franchise commitments elsewhere.

Such is life for the former Test powerhouse. The region can still produce world-class cricketers but can't pay them enough to always choose Test cricket.

It is not a new phenomenon for the Windies but they may merely have been the canary in the coalmine for the format given South Africa has named a massively depleted squad to tour New Zealand this month after its board told stars to put the Indian-backed SA20 competition first.

Australian cricket leaders have discussed the idea of setting up a global funding pool to ensure Test cricket remains viable.

Coley said talk was one thing but actions were another. "If we have enough powerbrokers around world cricket who are keen on ensuring that Test cricket continues to be played and becomes a viable option for players, young players, then those people have to voice those opinions and in the lobbies and rooms that can make those decisions, and decisions are made accordingly," Coley said. "If they really believe that Test cricket needs to continue, then find a way to get it done."

Marsh ends his innings

DANIEL CHERNY

Shaun Marsh feels a sense of relief and sadness as he retires from professional cricket after almost a quarter of a century.

The West Australian great announced on Sunday that the Big Bash League match between his Melbourne Renegades and the Sydney Thunder on Wednesday night would be the last of a career that started some 23 summers ago.

Marsh, 40, played the last of his 38 Tests and 73 one-day internationals in 2019.

Shaun Marsh.

He kept playing domestically for WA before retiring at the end of last season.

Marsh continued into this BBL season with the Renegades after he moved from the Perth Scorchers in 2019.

Having overcome calf issues, his form has not diminished.

The left-hander has posted three half-centuries from five innings this season, including an unbeaten 64 to lead the Renegades to victory against the Melbourne Stars on Saturday night at Marvel Stadium.

However, the Renegades' underwhelming season has contributed to Marsh's decision, which he made last week, to pull up stumps on his decorated career.

"I probably knew at the start of the season that it was more than likely going to be my last year but there was no sort of decision made up until probably after our second-last game ago," Marsh said.

"We had a nine-day break and went home with the family and just felt right then that this was going to be it.

"It's probably a sense of relief but also some sadness knowing that it's all over – sort of leave knowing that you gave everything and it's the right time to walk away."

Though his Australian career was a mixed bag, he was proud to have reached the highest level and said he could now fully appreciate how special it had been to play international cricket with his brother.

Asked how he would like to be remembered as a player, Marsh was reflective.

"I think just being a good person," he said. "I've always just tried to be myself."

Finch and Warner to rekindle partnership

Ben Horne

Aaron Finch recently sat beside Mick Jagger but the words Start Me Up will have a different connotation on Monday night.

Rock 'n' roll royalty will be replaced by kings of cricket in the Fox Cricket commentary box on Monday night at the MCG when Finch rekindles his long-term partnership with David Warner.

The dynamic duo opened the batting in 119 innings together for Australia and the success they had as an ODI pairing is eclipsed only by Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden.

Finch walked into a Kolkata restaurant during the World Cup in India to discover Rolling Stones maestro Jagger sitting at the table next to he and fellow Fox Cricket commentator Mark Howard.

After some encouragement from Howard, Finch plucked up the courage to go over and introduce himself to massive cricket fan and legendary frontman Jagger.

He won't need to dig quite as deep to start a new connection with Warner, who he has known since he was about 14 years of age.

"Hopefully you hear that stuff and you can ask them questions about when they first met each other and when they first played," Howard said before Warner and Finch make their off-field opening debut in the call of the Melbourne Stars versus Hobart Hurricanes match at the MCG.

"They will be forthright, which is fantastic.

"I think they can bring unbelievable insight because every batter and bowler out there they have played against, which is outstanding."

Teammates turned co-commentators Aaron Finch and David Warner.

DEMON'S SPEED TEST

Big-serving Canadian looms as tough first-round foe

Callum Dick

One of the fastest serves in tennis history stands between Alex de Minaur and an Australian Open second round berth.

With an official top speed of 249.9km/h, the missile that is Milos Raonic's serve has tormented the ATP Tour for more than a decade – and the Aussie No. 1 is its next target.

He's beaten Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray while in their primes and gave Novak Djokovic one of the sternest tests of his run to the 2021 Australian Open title.

De Minaur might have chuckled when he saw his name placed next to the world No. 317.

Raonic, a former Wimbledon runner-up and five-time Australian Open quarter-finalist, is hardly the cushy opening round draw oft expected for one of the top seeds.

After almost two years away from the tour battling injury, the 33-year-old Canadian is back up and running and ready to break Aussie hearts.

The former world No. 3 has saved his best tennis for Melbourne Park, where he boasts a 34-11 record and has reached the fourth round or better on eight occasions.

One man who knows how dangerous Raonic can be is recently-retired Aussie star, John Millman. Millman rates Raonic as the most difficult serve he faced throughout his career. In one of their clashes at Wimbledon, the Canadian "nearly put me into the stands," he said. "I went up to near the baseline and he put one through me which nearly made me fall over."

But Millman believes de Minaur's skill set makes him a match-up nightmare for Raonic, not the other way around. "I used to hate having to face those big servers, especially early in a tournament," Millman said. "Sometimes the game can get taken out of your hands. The good news for Australian fans is that last year, Alex was the fifth-best returner on tour."

Last year, only the current world top four – Djokovic, Alcaraz, Medvedev and Sinner – boasted better return games than de Minaur.

Between 2012 and 2019, Raonic won 91 per cent of his service games. That figure would have comfortably led the ATP Tour last year.

But the Canadian is only nine games into his comeback, while de Minaur is coming off a trio of top 10 scalps – including Djokovic – at the United Cup.

De Minaur and Raonic open the Monday night session on Rod Laver Arena from 7pm.

Barbora Krejcikova celebrates during her win.

Relief for Krejcikova after win

Former French Open champion Barbora Krejcikova survived a scare to reach the second round of the Australian Open on Sunday, beating Japanese wildcard Mai Hontama 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The Czech ninth seed, who triumphed at Roland Garros in 2021, struggled with her serve on Margaret Court Arena and was broken six times in total by her 122nd-ranked opponent.

But she dug deep when trailing 3-1 in the second set after losing the opener and eventually turned the tables.

Hontama, 24, playing in just her second Grand Slam, broke twice in the opening set to take a grip on the match.

There were multiple breaks in the second set but Krejcikova produced a powerful forehand winner to hold in the ninth game and edge ahead 5-4, seizing her chance to level the match.

The Czech player, 28, needed a medical time-out when 3-2 up in the decider, receiving heavy strapping to her foot and ankle.

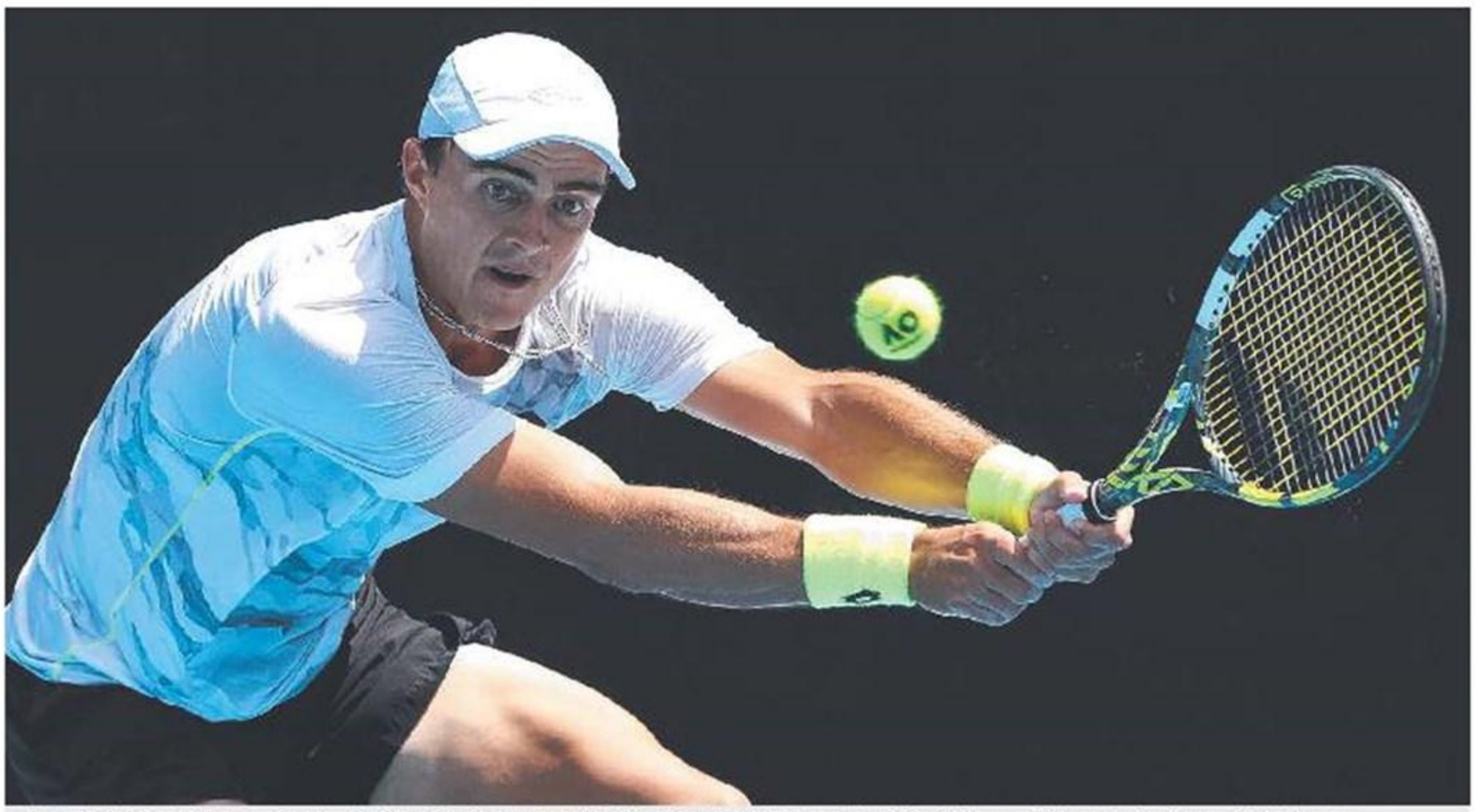
But she showed no signs of discomfort as she returned to the court, conjuring a crucial break in a long eighth game to leave her on the brink of victory, which she sealed when Hontama went long with a forehand.

Krejcikova said she was relieved to get through a "difficult match", which lasted 2 hours and 30 mins.

"I just tried to stay in the match," she said.

"In the second set I was down.

"But I never let go and I never gave up."



Australia's Adam Walton reaches for a backhand during his Australian Open loss to Italy's Matteo Arnaldi in Melbourne. Picture: Darrian Traynor/Getty Images

Italian job on Aussie sealed emphatically

Rebecca Williams

The debut grand slam of Australian wildcard Adam Walton is over after just one match following his straight-sets loss on the opening day at Melbourne Park.

The first local hope on court at the Australian Open, Walton made a strong start against Italian Matteo Arnaldi before falling 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 6-4 on Kia Arena.

Walton, 24, pushed Arnaldi in an opening-set tiebreak but the world No.41 swept past the unseeded Australian in the second set. Arnaldi looked to be in control at 3-1 in the third set but faced resistance from Walton, who is ranked 176 in the world.

The Italian sealed his win with an ace to take his tally to 16-1 for the match, while he also had 57 winners to 21.

Arnaldi will face the winner of Alex de Minaur and Milos Raonic in the second round.

Sinner sees off spirited challenge

Fourth seed Jannik Sinner fired up his bid for a maiden Grand Slam title with a hard-fought straight-sets victory over Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp at the Australian Open on Sunday.

The 22-year-old Italian enjoyed a breakthrough 2023, winning his first Masters title, in Toronto, and making the championship match against Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals.

It sparked expectations that it is only a matter of time before he wins a major.

And Sinner came through a tough encounter at Melbourne Park to open his 2024 account, beating the 59th-ranked Dutchman 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 on Rod Laver Arena.

"My first match of the season and it means a lot to start off with a win," said Sinner, who reached his first Grand Slam semi-final at Wimbledon last year.

"The tournament is one where I would like to play as good as possible and hopefully I can show some more in the next round.

"Physically I feel good in good shape, the first round is never easy so I can be happy with today."

It was Sinner's first competitive match of the year after he opted against a warm-up tournament.

Italy's Jannik Sinner hits a return.

But he showed few signs of rust, breaking Van de Zandschulp's opening service game and powering through the first set in 46 minutes.

But the Dutchman, a former US Open quarter-finalist, refused to go quietly, hitting the ball so hard in the second set that his racquet strings snapped.

There was little between them as they battled to 5-5 before Van de Zandschulp netted a backhand to give the Italian the crucial break.

He then served out for a two-set lead.

Once again, the Dutchman put up resistance in the third, breaking to open up a 2-0 advantage.

But it was a temporary wobble by Sinner, who responded by breaking twice in succession and surged 4-2 clear and there was no way back.

At a career-high four in the world, Sinner also won titles last year in Montpellier, Vienna and Beijing.

He was also instrumental in helping Italy win the Davis Cup.

Djoker gets serious about Shelton row

Novak Djokovic has reignited his feud with US rising star Ben Shelton, calling the youngster "unsportsmanlike" in an interview with French newspaper L'Equipe.

They clashed at last year's US Open when, after a win, Djokovic imitated Shelton's trademark celebration.

At the time, Djokovic, who mimicked Shelton's "dialled in" phone call celebration then slammed down the phone, said he did it out of admiration. "I just love Ben's celebration," Djokovic said after his win last year. "I thought it was very original and I copied him. I stole his celebration."

Shelton's father Bryan was less impressed and suggested Djokovic's actions were designed to mock his son.

"He wanted to mock Ben at the end," Bryan Shelton said.

"It wasn't something he was doing just to copy Ben. It was to mock him."

Djokovic reopened the feud in his L'Equipe interview. "It was a reaction against him, he didn't behave properly, with respect, on court and before the match," the world No.1 said. "If anyone places himself in the unsportsmanlike zone, I react."

NO CATCHING LORNE

Five straight wins for Pier to Pub's Superfish

Ben Cameron

A Queensland open water swimming champion has admitted he came into what would prove to be his fifth-consecutive Pier to Pub win amid an ongoing health battle after contracting Covid late last year.

It was a case of five-from-five at Lorne Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday afternoon for the uber dominant Hayden Cotter and Lani Pallister in the men's and women's elite level Superfish.

However, moments after winning the race, Cotter admitted he came into the event feeling in less than peak condition after testing positive to Covid after returning from the US.

Cotter, 22, the event's number one seed, said that he had not felt 100 per cent right since coming back from Texas at the end of September.

"I had a bit of a struggle coming into (the race)," Cotter said.

"It really hurt me long term

"I'm not sure if it's from Covid ... I've had high blood pressure and high resting heart rates.

"Now I'm on pills trying to sort it out."

Cotter, who scored his first Pier to Pub in 2018 – the same as Pallister – said he was struggling with the pace for most of the race before a well-timed wave provided some late momentum.

"(My performance) felt pretty slow to be honest," he said.

However, the Kallangur Swimming Club product was delighted to win his fifth Pier to Pub – edging out seven-time champion Sam Sheppard and 19th seed Jesse Coulson – even if the thrill did not quite compare with his debut victory when he swam beside Olympic champion Mack Horton.

"Nothing beats the first here," he said. "That was the highlight of my career, swimming with those boys.

"I come down every year and love it. You can't beat (the Pier to Pub), really ... one of the biggest (open water events) in Australia.

"It's definitely something I look forward to every year."

Meanwhile, Lani Pallister, 21, also made it five on the bounce, as she prepares for the Olympic trials in June after a dominant performance at the Swimming World Cup Series in December, winning the 800m.

"Five in a row is very special," Pallister said.

"It was a little bit colder than it has been in previous years.

"The tide was sucking out a lot more than it has before.

"I felt like there was a part of the race where I was swimming backwards."

She said she felt very confident coming into the race she could make it five in a row, having done a lot of distance racing in 2023.

"If you don't bet on yourself, nobody else will," she said.

"I'm quite confident in myself and my abilities.

"It's an Olympic year, everything and all of the decisions I'm making will impact my performance then."

However, in an ominous sign for her contemporaries, Pallister intended to keep making the annual trip to Lorne, health and time permitting.

"I'm always grateful to Lorne for putting on such an incredible event," she said.

"It's such an incredible weekend down here.

"Hopefully I can keep doing it for years and years to come."

The final word went to seven-time winner Sam Sheppard who declared Cotter and Pallister the "king and queen" of the Pier to Pub.

Lani Pallister bounds through the Lorne surf on her way to a fifth Pier to Pub victory, an honour she shares with fellow Superfish winner Hayden Cotter (right). Pictures: Alan Barber

Female open top three Maddie Marshall (2), Zoe Jennings (1) and Charlie Millard (3).

Male open winner Cameron Ricchini on S

Triathlete's fitness carries him home in Mountain to Surf run

Ben Cameron
Mountain to Surf

Twelve months after finishing sixth at one of the region's most prominent fun runs, Ocean Grove runner Sebastian Asher has taken out the 8km Mountain to Surf event in Lorne.

Hitting the finish line in a time of 23 minutes and 36 seconds, Asher beat Daniel Dunstone by 10 seconds with Tom Bowers a further four seconds behind.

Meanwhile, Yarra Junction's Sarah Klein took out her first women's title in a time of 26 minutes and four seconds, ahead of Brooke Williams by (28 minutes and two seconds) and Angela Williams in 30 minutes and 14 seconds.

Asher said conditions were "perfect" for the run as he prepared for Saturday's marquee event, the 1.2km Pier to Pub.

"Last year I came sixth in the Mountain to Surf so I wasn't thinking that I was going to win it today, no way," Asher said.

"I'm pretty stoked to win it.

"It's peak triathlon and running season so I'm keeping very fit."

Meanwhile, Klein said she was delighted to win on her first attempt.

"I haven't done it before so it was nice to get out there and get the hills done in the first couple of kilometres and find a rhythm and finish off consistently," Klein said.

"It was a beautiful run along the little creek, and back on the Great Ocean Road – it was amazing.

"Coming down to the Surf Coast this time of year, the weather, the environment that we're in, the people we're around, the atmosphere, are just awesome."

The 42nd annual Mountain to Surf attracted 2000 runners of all ages and abilities on Friday, taking in Lorne's tranquil forest areas before competitors headed for home along the Great Ocean Road coastline.

The fun run kicked off a massive weekend of festivities with more than 45,000 people descending on the coastal town before the 44th annual, 1.2km Pier to Pub on Saturday, where Hayden Cotter and Lani Pallister again dominated proceedings, taking out their fifth consecutive Superfish titles.

It was an outstanding effort among 5000 swimmers taking part from 11am, with the race culminating at the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club.

DYNAMIC DUO

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Late 'ring-in' turns in sensational debut performance

Ben Cameron

He might have entered under a different name, and forgot to attach his timing band, but that didn't stop Geelong Swimming Club member Cameron Ricchini pulling off a stunning debut swim at the Pier to Pub.

The locals dominated the open category with Ricchini and Jan Juc's Zoe Jennings taking home the men's and women's titles in the open category on Saturday at the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club.

The iconic event was capped with 5000 competitors, which included former federal treasurer Josh Frydenberg, ex-Victorian premier Ted Baillieu and St Kilda footballer Dan Butler.

It was a mix of ages and abilities at Lorne, with the youngest 12 and the oldest 93, while new Lorne Hotel owner Justin Hemmes also took to the water in mild conditions.

However, beating them all was Ricchini in his debut dip. It was a win against the odds with Ricchini entering under his friend Tom's name after he pulled out at the last minute and forgot to attach his timing band to his leg – a disqualification if it happens again, he was told by organisers.

"(Tom) didn't have enough training and didn't feel like doing it," Ricchini said of his last minute entry.

"It's not the way things usually go but I like to spice it up a little bit.

"It's my first time doing the Pier to Pub.

"I usually do pool swimming, I've always been interested in doing an open water swim.

"The Pier to Pub's got a big name for itself, I thought I'd give it a shot, see how we go."

Talking just minutes after his win, Ricchini said he felt "tired but pretty stoked" to win, describing the competition as "fierce".

"It wasn't too choppy, which is convenient for a pool swimmer," he said.

Ricchini, who is planning to study physiotherapy this year, said he was now inspired to qualify for the Superfish category in 2025.

"Hopefully I'll be there next year," he said.

Meanwhile, Pier to Pub regular and forensic science student Zoe Jennings won her first title in the open women's category.

"It's a nice swim I guess, the water's nice and clear," Jennings said.

FORMER STAR IN DINOS RETURN

Matthew Forrest
GCA4

Newcomb & District's rise up the GCA4 ladder has been bolstered by the return of one of the club's "favourite sons", with Dinos officials confirming the return of former player Matthew Harrison.

Harrison, a former Prahran and Geelong Premier captain, grew up playing for the Dinos as a junior and even featured for them in the 2019-20 season when he made 465 runs at an average of 51.

A club official said Harrison "is going to provide both knowledge and skill and we will all be able to learn from him".

Newcomb & District has enjoyed a remarkable rise up the ladder in the 2023-24 campaign, having languished at the bottom of the ladder alongside North Shore last year in the GCA4, and is now fighting for a finals spot, currently holding on to fourth place.

The 32-run win the Dinos enjoyed over fifth-placed Meredith at the weekend, which also doubled as coach Eugene Stanciu's return game to the club he left at the end of last season, created a six-point advantage inside the comp's top four.

Elsewhere, Little River beat North Shore by four wickets and kept in touch of a finals appearance, Guild St Mary's belted Teesdale to the tune of 100 runs, and Waurn Ponds Deakin crawled across the line against Lethbridge in a one-wicket, top of the table thriller.

Former Premier cricketer Matthew Harrison.

Dragons make light work of generous declaration

Matthew Forrest
GCA 3

Bannockburn was left to rue the decision to declare against Bell Park, with the 9-207 the Bulls set ultimately not enough against the Dragons.

Bell Park went on to chase down the total comfortably, finishing the second day with a first-innings victory on 4-220.

The Dragons were initially in trouble at the end of the first day, losing Jarrod Andrews on the first ball of the innings, and were 4-60 in the chase, but Luke Turner (100*, left)) and Jamie Spiller (60*) piled on a 160 run partnership to steer the Dragons to victory.

The result extended Bell Park's advantage on top of the ladder, with the Dragons expected to challenge for another premiership.

St Albans Breakwater remains hot on their trail, having convincingly beaten Modewarre at the weekend.

The Saints had piled on 10-342 on the first day, and went on to bowl Modewarre out for 111 in response.

Saints bowler Chris Hester took five wickets in the victory, claiming 5-26 off 17.3 overs, while Mitch Gorman (2-23 off 11 overs) and Jake Spalding (2-26 off 15 overs) both took multiple wickets.

Meanwhile, Manifold Heights was not able to chase down Thomson's massive total of 9-320, all out for 106 in 54 overs.

Thomson's Seb Dew, who made 41 in the first innings, took 5-19 off 10.5 overs in a matchwinning display. Xavier Dew (2-21 off 9 overs) and Seaver Cowley (2-38 off 15 overs) were dangerous, while Manifold Heights' Mitchell Bartlett top scored with 22.

Alexander Thomson could not reach Corio's total of 10-239, making 7-168 by the end of the 80 overs.

Jesse Thornton made 53 while not many batters could hang around, while Jake Dubbeldam dug in for an undefeated 45 off 132 balls to bring home a draw for the Vikings.

Cats climb off canvas to claim shock victory

Partnership thwarts Ringwood

Dan Batten

Geelong has pulled off an incredible turnaround to claim a crucial 46-run win in its see-sawing one-day clash against Ringwood with coach Nick Speak describing the match as a "strange day".

Ringwood had the Cats on the ropes at 4-33 in their first innings before the experienced Josh McDonald (76 off 91) and youngster Harry Hauenstein (44 off 74) came to the rescue.

The pair put on 97 for the fifth wicket in a game-saving partnership to help the Cats reach a competitive target of 184.

Ringwood then appeared to have the result in the bag cruising at 2-61, but there was another twist in the tail.

Geelong took 3-10 in a flash and claimed Ringwood's last eight wickets for just 77 runs to see them bowled out for 138, with the Cats moving into third place on the ladder ahead of the Rams in fifth.

Spinner Danish Mehta did the damage late in the all-round bowling display, taking 3-8 from 4.3 overs, while Callum Stow finished with tidy figures of 2-21 from nine overs.

Speak said the match was played in an hour and a half of rain of persistent rain – another bizarre quirk for the eventful match.

The Cats coach praised the work of McDonald, who was moved down the order to No.6, and Hauenstein for their defining knocks.

"That was really probably what closed the win, that partnership between Hauenstein and McDonald," Speak said.

"(McDonald) batted at six and he played very well, very responsibly early and then scored freely as he does later. It turned out a good total.

"Daanish Mehta at the end cleaned things up. Cal Stow was very good again as he's been all season.

"(Ringwood) started well, I mean it was so wet, we played through an hour and a half of rain and I couldn't believe they stayed out there but they did.

"So it was pretty slippy when they started bowling and it kind of dried a little bit and we got some breakthroughs and ended up winning comfortably I suppose. It was a strange day. In 15-16 years of coaching Premier Cricket I have never seen play in rain like that for that extended period of time. But that's what they chose to do and it kind of worked out for us in the end so I shouldn't complain."

A win over second-placed side Casey South Melbourne next week would strengthen the Cats' chances of finishing inside the top-four with Richmond, Dandenong and Prahran to come in the run home.

A finish this high seemed doubtful at the beginning of the year as the Cats signalled a new era after losing Brody Couch, Tom O'Connell and Dom McGlinchey during the off-season and winning just four matches last year.

Speak said the young Cats side has exceeded his expectations in was expected to be a development year.

"We played all the kids we said we are going to play and they have just stood up and played really well," Speak said.

"It is a nice position to be in. We thought it might take this year to kind of re-establish and push forward next year but you know Peake has been excellent, Hauenstein is improving all the time, Tom Neate is doing well, Callum Stow has been outstanding.

"So they have all come on really quickly which is why we are where we are now."

Geelong batsman Josh McDonald (main) and Harry Hauenstein (inset) rescued their side from trouble. Picture: Mike Dugdale

Dunn takes honours on field

Dan Batten

Torquay cricketer Thomas Dunn produced an all-round masterclass in his side's GCA2 win over Marshall Bears, but he still won't find his way onto the club honour board – and he only has his individual brilliance to blame.

Torquay Cricket Club etches the names of every batter to score 100 on to the batting board, but it is a much taller task for bowlers to find their names on it.

Torquay's Thomas Dunn

"You get 100 you go up on the honour board but for the bowlers you have to get seven wickets," Dunn said.

"So the bowlers have been not too happy about that saying that we should change that and there's been a bit of debate about whether 100 is worth seven wickets or if seven wickets is worth more than 100 and that we should change it to five wickets for the bowlers."

After a run-a-ball 47 the previous week in their two-day match against Marshall Bears, everything Dunn touched turned to gold with the ball as he claimed six wickets.

With one wicket left, it was Dunn's chance to become the first player in almost a decade to have his name etched in history with a seven-wicket haul.

Skipper Damian O'Brien, who has backed the honour board threshold reduction, kept him on in the hope he would achieve the feat.

But it wasn't to be.

"He was like, 'I'll keep you bowling so you can be the only person in sort of seven years who has taken a seven-wicket haul' and then very next over I'm waiting to bowl and the ball comes to me and I've got a run out," he said with a laugh. "I pretty much screwed myself.

"It was never really a run, I couldn't believe they took the run. I think the nonstriker he said that he had been square legging for the majority of the day and was stiff as a board. If he grounded his bat he would have made it but he didn't ground his bat and had his foot in the air and I hit the stumps from backward point."

While he won't be on the board, his day out – 6-33 from 19 overs, 47 runs and a direct hit run out – will live on in Dunn's memory and those of his teammates and the opposition.

"It was one of those days. Sometimes they come, you are always trying to find it to have those days every week but it doesn't happen very often, not for me anyway, so it was good that it all came together," he said. "One (wicket) was an inside edge played on, one of our fielders took a really good catch so I think whenever I get a lot of wickets like that there's a little bit of luck involved."

Socceroos too good for India, but Arnie wants more

Marco Monteverde

Jordan Bos's elation at scoring his first goal for the Socceroos has been tempered by national coach Graham Arnold admitting Australia has a "lot" to improve on to have any chance of winning the Asian Cup.

The Socceroos' opened their Cup campaign in Qatar with a 2-0 win over India, and while securing three points was the ultimate objective, they struggled for large periods to break down their dogged rivals.

It took 50 minutes for the Socceroos to take the lead, through Jackson Irvine, of German Bundesliga club FC St Pauli star, before former Melbourne City prodigy Bos scored with his first touch of the game 23 minutes later after coming on as a substitute.

"It was amazing," said 21-year-old Bos, who plays for Belgian club K.V.C. Westerlo.

However, Arnold expected more from his side, particularly in the first half when the Socceroos were sluggish in attack despite dominating possession.

"I can honestly say that we've got to improve a lot more than that," he said. "One disappointment was our set pieces because we work quite a lot on them.

The Socceroos return to Group B action on Thursday night (AEDT) against Syria.

Socceroos manager Graham Arnold looks on during their Asian Cup opener.

NIGHTWATCHMAN STEERS NEWTOWN TO VICTORY

Archie proves the Bain of existence for St Joseph's

Wes Cusworth

NEWTOWN & CHILWELL 3-155 DEF ST JOSEPH'S 151

Newtown & Chilwell's Archie Bain will be well justified in a plea for an elevation up the order as the Two Blues' nightwatchman anchored Saturday's seven-wicket defeat of St Joseph's with an unbeaten 59 at KFC Oval.

"I think he showed our whole team how, if you bat time, if you're patient, you pick a couple of shots for the whole day, you'll end up making runs," delighted captain Dylan Hodge said post-match.

"St Joey's bowled quite well, with a good mix of spinners, pace bowlers and general good consistency.

"But Archie knew his game plan the whole time, he stuck to it, he didn't vary from it and didn't look fussed at all."

Resuming at 2-50, after 105 minutes were lost to rain, Bain demonstrated a resolve that belied his 19 years in negotiating a testing St Joseph's attack to compile his career-high score from 141 balls, in an innings punctuated by seven fours.

"It wasn't really a surprise as we've known how well he can bat," Hodge said.

"Archie batted high in the APS (Associated Public Schools) for Geelong College the last couple of seasons, and we were thinking about trying to give different guys like Archie and Noah Guida a hit inside the top five, and it just worked out well.

"Last week was a chance to come in as a nightwatchman and now he's cashed in and it's going to be hard to move him.

"Hopefully he'll take some confidence out of it as he bowled bloody well the week before as well for 3-30, so he's in good form."

Bain drew on the experience of more senior opener Pat McKenna who struck a 123-ball 51 before falling to the visitors' only multiple wicket taker Ryan Simmonds (2-23).

"He has experience that you can't buy," Hodge said of McKenna.

"Pat has basically assessed the situation for us; the whole week he's said how they're going to be trying to get us out, how we should try and counter it and how we're going to go about knocking off the run chase.

"Instead of waiting for anyone else to do it, he put us on his back with Archie and went out there and did it himself.

"So, it's no surprise, he's done that a few times for us now where he goes in and opens the batting in the toughest spot; he's probably got one of the best cricket brains I've ever played with."

The win sees the Two Blues rise from the bottom of the ladder and remarkably sit just one win outside the top four with four two-day games remaining.

"I think confidence is a massive thing in cricket and while we didn't have the greatest first half of the season, I can't fault anyone that's come back post-Christmas," Hodge said.

"We've come in, we've trained hard for the last two weeks, and confidence and morale are up; we're behind the ledger at the moment, but not by much, so, it's in our own hands.

"We play North Geelong, and then Highton, so I think a lot of those games in the back half are probably going to be 12-point games, where we're all going to be fighting for one spot between a few of us.

"That's the good thing about this season, I think all eight teams can still make it at this stage."

Newtown & Chilwell nightwatchman Archie Bain on his way to an impressive 59 not out, which helped set up victory over St Joseph's. Picture: Wes Cusworth

Highton's Fionn Neeson celebrates one of his five wickets. Picture: Wes Cusworth

HIGHTON 160 DREW WITH GROVEDALE 9-156

The Heat and Tigers may have shared the points, however, the McDonald Reserve contest was anything but a tame draw with all four results possible through a nerve-racking final hour of play.

Grovedale waited through early rain before resuming at 1-43 in pursuit of Highton's 160 and looked to have blown its chance of a fourth win when leg-spinner Fionn Neeson (5-52) immediately ripped through the line-up to have the visitors floundering at 5-44.

Fresh off an outstanding Australian Country Championship carnival in Newcastle, all-rounder Jack Wrigglesworth joined forces with elegant left-hander Josh Windus (29) for a 66-run sixth-wicket stand that looked to be shaping to be a Tiger success story before towering seamer Errol Burns (2-12) removed both bats in a crucial four-over spell.

Wrigglesworth struck five fours and a six in an 89-ball 45 before his skied drive was gleefully accepted by Nash Viney at mid-on.

An injury-hampered Mick McNeel (0) came and went, as did Bailey Sykes (8), and when the final pair of Clinton Ford (11 not out) and Nathan Harper (14 not out) came together the Tigers still needed 32 for victory.

Demonstrating great composure, the pair worked singles and punished anything loose to draw within five runs of victory before the clock ticked over to 6.30pm, ensuring the points were shared.

Heat captain Nathan McCoach finished with 2-45 in support of Neeson's brilliant 26-over spell that yielded 5-52.

NORTH GEELONG 1-143 DEF SOUTH BARWON 104 & 7-98

The widespread rain delay thwarted North Geelong's attempt of an outright win over South Barwon, although English import Sam Ellis can also take plenty of credit for holding the rampant Magpie attack at bay.

Resuming their second innings at 1-4, 35 in arrears, the Swans looked to be headed for trouble as Magpie tearaway Tom Mathieson (3-22) removed power hitters Leigh Lorenzen (12) and Nick Butters (6) in quick succession.

Despite plummeting to 6-47, South's defence clicked into gear with Ellis contributing a resolute 91-ball 42, supported in a 51-run seventh-wicket union by a measured Andy Ross with an unbeaten 20.

The ladder leader looked to seven different bowlers to break the partnership, although the visitors to Reynolds Oval were forced to settle for first innings points accompanied by a massive boost to their percentage.

EAST BELMONT 7-137 DEF LARA 135

East Belmont was forced to work hard for a thrilling three-wicket win over northern rival Lara.

Continuing their innings at 3-82, the Lions waited patiently for the rain to cease to continue their chase and were met with fierce opposition from the Cats when they did.

Will Hiser (28) added just one to his overnight tally and Josh Lacey (47) eight, before both fell to seamer Danny Hughes whose 2-21 came from 20 miserly overs.

Sean O'Neill contributed a vital 16, from 68 balls, and rookie keeper Logan Haberfield, 7, before a patient eighth-wicket union between James McMahon (8 not out) and Jack Jenkins (9 not out) saw the visitors home.

McMahon soaked up 47 balls in his defiant contribution, and Jenkins 32, as the pair was forced to work for every run in their matchwinning 18-run stand.

Lara coach Casey Young claimed primary honours with the ball with 3-25, while Daniel Blatherwick's 2-43 was a terrific accompaniment to the seam of Hughes.

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One of the fastest serves in tennis history, Milos Raonic, stands between Alex de Minaur and an Australian Open second round berth.

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SEAGULLS FLY

ROOS' WINNING RUN COMES TO A CRASHING HALT

Dan Batten

Barwon Heads has blitzed Bellarine Peninsula Cricket Association powerhouse Anglesea, comprehensively knocking off the ladder-leaders to inflict the Roos' first loss in 338 days.

Anglesea entered the one-day clash undefeated from its past 11 matches BPCA A1 matches but the Roos were outplayed by the Seagulls, who rolled the them for 87 to secure a 93-run win at home.

Just three Roos' batters managed to reach double figures with the bat which paled in comparison with the Seagulls' batting card, where five batters hit 25 or more with Harry Melzer topscoring with 40. It was a complete reversal from their previous encounter earlier this season when Anglesea skittled the Seagulls for 90, underlining Barwon Heads' improvement as the season has gone on and confirming the club is a serious premiership contender.

Barwon Heads' Jason Mallett.

The upset win continues the Seagulls' remarkable run since being promoted this season from BPCA2, sitting in second spot on the ladder just three points shy of Anglesea.

Venables said their first defeat since round 13 last season was a wake-up call.

"We sort of let ourselves down with the bat. No one really got themselves in and no one stuck around and was up for the fight which was disappointing," Venables said.

"I don't know if it is the loss we needed to have but I think it should be a kick up the a--e for the group. We can't just roll into games and expect to win games of cricket, we still have to work hard.

"So back to training during the week and hopefully we can all work hard, we've all got to improve with the bat and ball and hopefully we can turn it around.

"Throughout every season we have had one game or two games a year like this, a lot of the time we've been able to come away with the win somehow but full credit to Barwon Heads, I think they are clearly going to be very hard to beat in the finals.

"I don't think (Barwon Heads' form) should be surprising, it is a good effort to come up from A2 and really play well and dominate games like they have but shouldn't be too surprised." Venables flagged potential changes to the batting order in the run home as seconds players bang the door down, none more so than Ashley Poulton who has the third-most runs in BPCA B1. The Roos are also set to welcome back runscoring machine Tyron Norman who has hit a hundred and three half centuries in his past four innings.

"Jaron Lengyel, come back from Queensland, it's his second game back. Got a run a ball 25 (on Saturday) so he might push for a spot in the ones Simon Umbers was in the twos, he has played in the ones all year," Venables said. "Darcy Cooper is always a really good player in the twos and he is always an option, made 50 (on Saturday) as well. So I feel like there are players who can come in and strengthen our batting line-up."

Venables said Barwon Heads loom as the main club standing in their way of a fifth-straight BPCA premiership.

The Roos play three sides who are outside the top four in Jan Juc, Inverleigh and Ocean Grove before a tough final round match against Barrabool.

"Barwon Heads are the main contender to win the flag and I'd say you'd got Barrabool are a well drilled and organised team. And even Armstrong Creek have got some dangerous players," Venables said.

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